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## Christmas Party Guide

**Armistice meal planned in Ynysawdre for veterans and serving Forces personnel - turn to page 2.**

## A Cwm Risca man takes Young Farmer of the Year award



Jacob Anthony receives the award. (Photograph by Edward Bruce-Radcliffe).

**THE 14th annual Farmers Weekly Awards took place recently at the Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, London, with 15 awards – and a Bridgend man took the prize as Young Farmer of the Year.**

Jacob Anthony of Cwm Risca Farm, Bridgend runs 1,000 ewes across 243 hectares in south Wales and his interest in new technology has strengthened his farm business.

He has represented the sector at a high level with NFU Cymru and the

National Sheep Association.

The citation read: "Jacob is a fantastic representative for the farming sector. His enthusiasm for trying new things and improving his agricultural knowledge is inspirational."

"His passion for farming and for giving the sector a voice is clear."

The Young Farmer of the year was sponsored by RSPCA Assured.

Writer, broadcaster, and former Conservative MP Gyles Brandreth presented the awards in front of more than 1,000 guests at the Grosvenor House – AJW Marriott Hotel on London's Park Lane.

## Porthcawl event will start with surfing world record attempt



**PORThCAWL** will be hosting a day of sea and surf activities on Saturday, October 27, as part of the Porthcawl Seascapes project.

It begins at 9am at Sandy Bay with a world record attempt when, it is hoped, 200 surfers will attempt to break the world record for the most people surfing at once.

The existing world record is 120, and the exact time of the world record attempt will be weather permitting.

The theme of the day is 'Fire and Water', with the fire aspect starting as night falls.

In the afternoon (1pm to 5pm) SeaQuest and National Marine Aquarium are organising an afternoon of family fun. Toast a marshmallow, learn to build your own beach shelter, discover marine artefacts washed ashore and take part in a beach clean.

Other attractions during the afternoon include sand art, by the Awen Cultural Trust, or a flags competition hosted by Sker and Pink Bay SLSQ. Once again, times are weather dependent and may be subject to change.

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The evening will feature night time surfing.

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# 'Don't build houses where there is no need' says Regional AM

**SUZY DAVIES AM fears that thousands of houses could be built in Bridgend, despite there not being a need for them.**

The South Wales West AM asked at the National Assembly about the impact of the planning system on house building in her constituency.

Ms Davies said Planning Secretary Lesley Griffiths had written to Bridgend County Borough Council making it clear that, in her view, they should be looking at their local development plan in conjunction with those of Rhondda Cynon Taf and Caerphilly.

She said: "Bridgend has already planned its housing building stock for the next five years. It's already in progress, whereas RCT and Caerphilly are nowhere near reaching the targets they have been set.

"I think collaborative working is one thing, but this instruction is going to skew the planning system to divert the building of thousands of houses

that are needed in RCT and Caerphilly potentially into the BCBC area where they're not needed.

"As well as the social effects, is it right that council tax payers in Bridgend will also have to not just go through the disturbance of building, but support the infrastructure that's going to be needed for those houses?

"In particular, GP surgeries are already stuffed to the gills."

Ms Griffiths said the planning system plays an important role supporting the delivery of new homes to meet the housing requirements of communities across Wales.

She told Ms Davies: "Provisions in the Planning (Wales) Act 2015 enable local planning authorities to bring forward strategic development plans.

"I know there are several local authorities looking at that and it could be an important mechanism at a regional level. But if they don't want to do that, then they can just continue with their local development plans."

## Armistice meal is offered in Ynysawdre

**ON Sunday, November 11 a free dinner for up to 100 people from the area will be held in Tondur Cricket Club.**

The idea is to have the dinner for veterans and people still serving in HM Armed Forces, plus partners, to say thank you and to mark the end of the First World War.

The day will start at 2pm with readings and

poetry from the period.

We aim to serve 100, two-course meals from 4pm for veterans and current service people, including partners.

There will be entertainment from about 5.30pm, a singer and then background music. The bar will be open all day.

Other than the meal, the whole day will be open to the public and we are looking to raise funds for the RBL's dementia charity.

We have four silhouettes of soldiers in and around the building. For more information, contact Aldertonnk@cardiff.ac.uk.

**Nicholas K Alderton**

## No mean frite for Twinners

**FISH, chips and mushy peas were on the menu for this month's Town Twinning gathering in Beales.**

Yes, we celebrate British cuisine as well as French. There was swift game of heads or tails, followed by an

educational talk on what language English words are derived from. Did you know that the word 'sherbet' comes from Turkey, 'abacus' comes to us from Latin via Greek and Hebrew and 'bungalow' from Gujarati? It seems the English language is as mixed as the British people.

**Paul Winstanley on behalf of Porthcawl's Town Twinning Association**

**THE Pyle and Porthcawl Photographic Society recently held its annual Chairman's Trophy competition.**

Each member entered four images taken either on summer field trips or on camera club practical evenings, and was expertly judged by chairman Glyn Edmunds.

There were a lot of very good entries mixed with some fun ones. The winner was Jane Jarville, winning her very first competition with a lovely image taken in the tennis court at St Clare's - congratulations, Jane.

We're a very friendly camera club with a mix of male and female members and welcome new members of all ages and skill levels, it's all very informal.

So if you have an interest in photography, why not come along and join us on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm at St Clare's School, Newton.

Our programme is available at [www.pyle-porthcawl-ps.co.uk](http://www.pyle-porthcawl-ps.co.uk).

**Geoff Baker**

## Busy times for WI

**LALESTON WI met on October 4 when 23 members plus one prospective new member were in attendance.**

The group made arrangements to attend Margam WI's fashion show, a pantomime in Cardiff in January, a visit to Cardiff Manor House in the spring; and the December meeting will be a church service, followed by a buffet. The Luncheon Club will

meet at Isabellas, Porthcawl on October 16.

The speaker for the evening was Bev Gulleys from Cwm Bromptil Margam WI, who gave a marvellous talk on The Role of Women in World War One and the vote of thanks was given by Barbara Reece.

The raffle was won by Kath Nelson and the competition was won by Dawn Storie.



Jane Jarville receives her trophy from chairman Glyn Edmunds.

## Jane notches her first win with a tennis theme



'Out' - One of Jane Jarville's tennis images.



'The Van'.

## Local WI plays host to 'Wicked Women'

**MYNYDD Cynffig WI held their monthly meeting in the Talbot Centre, Kenfig Hill recently, when it was chaired by Christine and the minutes read by Katherine.**

Enid read out the correspondence and members were informed about the federation quiz and how much everyone enjoyed the evening.

The Christmas tree is well under way for the Christmas Tree Festival in the Orangery at Margam Park in November.

The lunch in the

Grove is confirmed, as is the trip to the ballet in Cardiff in December.

Enid's 'pass the parcel' is organised for the December meeting and it wouldn't be Christmas without it!

Several link members have invited the group to their Christmas fair - the diaries are filling up.

The speaker this month was Rosemary Scaddon on 'Top to Toe', a history of clothes.

Next month, Bruce Hawkins will be telling members about 'Wicked Women'

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## PACT meetings

**CEFN GLAS, LLANGEWYDD and BRYNHAFRYD PACT public meeting will be held at Westward Community Centre, on October 22 at 7pm.**

**N E W C A S T L E PACT public meeting will be held at Westward Community Centre on October 22 at 7pm.**

**REST BAY and NOTTAG PACT public meeting will be held at Nottage Scout Hall, Nottage on October 23 at 8pm.**

**OLDCASTLE PACT public meeting will be held at The Library, Brynteg Comprehensive School on October 25 at 6pm.**

**P Y L E / C E F N CRIBWR/CORNELLY PACT public meeting will be held at Pyle Life Centre on Thursday, October 18, at 6.30pm.**

**LLANGEINOR PACT public meeting will be held at the Richard Price Centre, Llangeinor, on Wednesday, October 24 at 5.30pm.**

**MAESTEG EAST, MAESTEG WEST AND LLANGYNWYD PACT public meeting will be held at Cwm Calon, Castle Street, Maesteg, on Thursday, October 25 at 6pm.**

**ABERKENFIG AND PENYFAI PACT public meeting will be held at Smyrna Chapel, Penyfael, on Monday, October 29 at 7pm.**

**CAERAU PACT public meeting will be held at Noddfa Community Centre on Monday, October 29 at 6pm.**

If you have any non emergency issues that are affecting your quality of life, but are unable to attend a meeting, contact your local Neighbourhood Policing Team on 101 or on the contact telephone numbers or email address, issued on the 'Your Neighbourhood' section of South Wales Police website, [www.south-wales.police.uk](http://www.south-wales.police.uk) for your respective area.

## John Murphy's artwork for sale

**P O R T H C A W L YMCA will be hosting a coffee and art day at the YMCA, 25 John Street, Porthcawl, where everyone who is interested in the artwork of the late John Murphy is invited to enjoy his art on display.**

John Murphy was a staunch supporter of Porthcawl YMCA and was always dropping in

for a coffee and a chat.

He donated many pieces of art that decorate the café, which has been dedicated to John and his late wife, Anne, who also donated some embroidered hangings which are also on display.

If anyone would like to purchase any of the pieces on display in the hall on Saturday, October 20, between 10am and 2pm, they can do so by making a donation to the YMCA; everyone is welcome.

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19 Fri	03.12	7.3	15.49	7.6
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21 Sun	05.12	8.5	17.28	8.8
22 Mon	05.53	9.0	18.09	9.3
23 Tues	06.27	9.5	18.45	9.7
24 Wed	06.59	9.9	19.19	10.0
25 Thur	07.36	10.1	19.54	10.2

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# Matthew Brook entertains Rotary Club of Bridgend



It was all smiles at the recent luncheon.

**THE Rotary Club of Bridgend's luncheon meeting on October 15 was held at the Court Colman Manor Hotel.**

Dining in the Versailles Ballroom, the meeting was entertained by its principal guests, bass baritone Matthew Brook and accompanist concert pianist, Chris Williams.

Matthew Brook has recently performed at Carnegie Hall, New York, Melbourne and in Dunedin, New Zealand and in many of the finest

concert halls in Europe. Chris Williams, a pianist at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, also plays orchestral piano with the BBC National Orchestra of Wales, and has toured the east coast of America. As an accompanist and soloist, Christopher is in constant demand, performing across Europe.

The session concluded with a standing ovation before Nick Lewis proposed a vote of thanks.

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## Crime Prevention at Brackla

**THE Crime Prevention Tables being held by PCSO Steve Bowen will be held as follows, all at Brackla Co-op, The Triangle, Brackla.**

*Safety advice for senior citizens, personal safety and purse thefts - Friday, November 9 and Wednesday, December 12 between 9am and 11am.*

*Safety advice for children and personal safety during the darker nights - Thursday,*

November 15 between 3pm and 5pm.

*Seasonal crime prevention advice - various topics on Monday, November 26 between 5pm and 7pm.*

*Road safety and personal safety during the darker nights - Thursday, December 6 between 3pm and 5pm.*

*Seasonal crime prevention advice including awareness when Christmas presents shopping and leaving packages on display - Tuesday, December 18 between 3pm and 5pm.*

**Gaynor Cassidy**

## Pupils' film gets green message across

**ON the hottest day of this summer, a number of young girls and a former pupil from Porthcawl Comprehensive took part in the production of a short film aimed at encouraging volunteering and Fairtrade.**

The film, entitled *Every Little Thing Makes a Difference* has just been launched. The screenplay was by Lowri Powis and Shauna Gamble direction by Sustainable Wales, filming and editing by Park6 Productions, made with funding from BAVO (Bridgend Association Voluntary Organisations) and Sustainable Wales.

Sustainable Wales director Margaret Minihinnick said: "Every Little Thing supports the Fairtrade movement and in particular community ethical retailer SUSSED, which is a community-based project, established by the charity Sustainable Wales.

"It involves

volunteers of all ages. The cooperative provides the community with a wide-ranging local, green and fair-trade choice when buying goods, from food to fashion.

"The film lasts for about four minutes and we also have a Welsh translated version. It can be found on: [www.sustaina.blewales.org.uk/blog/every-little-thing18](http://www.sustaina.blewales.org.uk/blog/every-little-thing18).

Former teacher Allison Felton worked with two of the pupils developing a script during break times last term.

She said: "It is a real credit to the girls that they have been so committed."

"Lowri Powis and Shauna Gamble have also been running the Fairtrade shop once a week in school, which has been a real help to SUSSED".

Other Porthcawl Comprehensive School contributors to the film include Isobel Comley, Libby Geddes, Ella Hunt, Amy Thomson and Manchester University fashion student Isobel Overton.

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## Andy's Man Club meetings to be held in Porthcawl

**ANDY'S Man Club is a peer to peer support group for any man aged 18 or above.**

The sessions encourage men to support each other

through shared experiences.

We are there for any man who is going through a storm, who has been through a storm or if a storm is brewing. Andy's Man Club meets every

Monday evening at 7pm (except bank holidays) at Porthcawl Rugby Club. There is no signing in process and no charge.

The volunteer-run groups aim to create a safe, non-judgmental

environment for men to talk about their issues.

Andy's Man Clubs were launched by former rugby league star Luke Ambler in 2016 after his brother-in-law Andy Roberts took his own life, even though there were no signs that he was struggling with mental health problems.

In the UK, suicide is the number one killer of men under the age of 45, as 12 men kill themselves every day. The male suicide rate is currently three times higher than that of females. Andy's Man Clubs are aiming to halve the number of male suicides.

The clubs have grown at a phenomenal rate and there are now 17 clubs based all over the UK from Newton Abbot to Glasgow and everything in between. Over 300 men a week are benefiting from the groups.

For more information visit [www.andysmanclub.co.uk](http://www.andysmanclub.co.uk) or search Andy's Man Club on FaceBook/Twitter/Instagram.

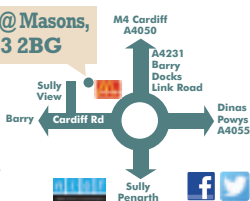
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# Local WI shows it has global socks appeal



The summer sewing bee at Sker WI

## Bridgend Quiz League results

**THE results for the Bridgend Quiz League for October 8 are as follows:**

Bye v Penybont AFC Nomads; Tondur Railway Club 38, Five Bells A 33; Laleston Inn A 36, TyRisha Arms 48; Crown Maesteg 34, Mackworth Arms 35; Six Bells Clangers 47, Oddfellows Arms 38; Cabo Roche 42, Laleston Inn B 42; Five Bells B 40, Prince of Wales Coychurch 44; Chatterton Shunters 49, Pheasant Gamekeepers 39.

**The latest results for October 15 are as follows:**

Bye v Five Bells A; TyRisha Arms 50, Penybont AFC Nomads 45; Mackworth Arms 44, Tondur Railway Club 44;

Crown Maesteg 49, Laleston Inn A 46; Laleston Inn B 49, Oddfellows Arms 46; Prince of Wales Coychurch 45, Six Bells Clangers 53; Pheasant Gamekeepers 45, Cabo Roche 44; Chatterton Shunters 53, Five Bells B 37.

**Here are this week's teasers:**

1. The Andaman Sea is part of which ocean?
2. Which author's works have been filmed more than any other?
3. Which country consumes the most breakfast cereal?

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**Answers:**  
1. The Indian Ocean.  
2. William Shakespeare.  
3. Great Britain.

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**SKER WI's meeting on October 11 was intended to teach members how to 'Craft with Socks,' courtesy of guest speaker, Ann Mary Fairley.**

Due to a family bereavement, Ms Fairley had to cancel and alternative arrangements had to be made. The WI sends condolences to Ms Fairley and her family and hope to see her again at some time in the future.

The gap in the programme allowed me to step in, ably assisted by Mike Boyles (husband of Sker WI member Irene) who provided technical support, to raise awareness on two small charities that always need our help.

During the summer, Sker WI members provided support to Bridgend Summer Sewing Bee by donating new cotton material, sewing sundries and packs of girl's knickers that were destined to be sent out in support of Dress a Girl around the World Foundation.

The foundation's belief is that every girl, wherever they live and whatever their circumstance, deserves to have at least one new dress. They believe that providing this basic item along with new underwear and a personal item such as a doll of her own, helps to protect the girl from physical and sexual abuse, and perhaps sex trafficking, by making it clear that she is valued and cared for. This is highlighted further by the Dress a Girl Around the World label that is sewn onto every dress.

As the meeting coincided with International Day of the Girl, it was an opportune time to update members on how Bridgend Summer Sewing Bee eventually met their target of 50 new dresses and how their donations have helped to ensure that each dress will also have with it several new pairs of pants and a simple, handmade doll.

Members were also told that next year's Summer Sewing Bee will be aiming to make boys' shorts as part of Dress a Girl around the world's 'Boy in the Background' initiative. Members were thanked for their donations and support and told to watch out for more details of next year's project.

The second part of the evening's presentation looked at Smalls for All, a small Scottish charity, founded in 2010 by Maria McNamara from her home in Livingstone, Scotland. The aim of 'Smalls' is to provide new knickers and new or 'gently worn' bras for vulnerable girls and women in Africa. They also support girls and boys from three villages in Malawi to attend school via their education programme.

Smalls for All came from very humble beginnings, when Maria (who self funded trips to Africa and other countries where she volunteered in schools and hospitals) identified a need to provide underwear to girls and women who were at risk from health, hygiene and security issues due to lack

of this basic item of clothing that we, in the UK, take for granted.

Her first initial project in 2009, to collect 2,000 sets of underwear, quickly escalated and within three months, she had amassed over 6,000 sets, plus cash donations, with more coming in by the day.

This trend has continued and to date, Smalls for All, working with partner organisations in Africa and around the world, has distributed many thousand sets of underwear to vulnerable women and girls as well as supporting youngsters via the education programme.

You can follow Smalls for All on Facebook or Twitter as well as by emailing them directly with your questions. Smalls for All welcome all donations no matter how big or small.

After the presentations, members enjoyed refreshments followed by a challenging quiz put on by Nora Williams. The results of this month's competition was announced (first was Ann Vipond, second Margaret Owen and third was Margaret Ashworth) and the raffle was drawn.

Members collected £100 to be donated to the Children's Hospice of Wales in memory of the late Mrs Avril Questle.

Finally, some dates for the diary: Sker WI will be hosting a fashion show on October 29 at 7pm at St David's Church Hall when they will showcase fashion from Samantha B. Eweny. Entrance is £5 and proceeds will be donated to WI's adopted charity Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) project for 2018: Guatemala—Fertilise Your Future.

November 13 is World Kindness Day. This is an annual event during which participants attempt to make the world a better place by carrying out random acts of kindness in their communities. The WI nationwide has decided to create friendship bouquets and that will be our task at the November meeting.

Sker WI members are also busy planning for a daytrip to Labels retail outlet, Ross-on-Wye, plus an evening meal on the way home in November and also the Christmas Fair to be held at Trinity Church, Porthcawl on Friday, December 7.

We would love to meet you at any of our events or welcome you to any of our monthly meetings. We meet at 7pm at St David's Church Hall, Nottage Village on the second Thursday of the month.

Our members also meet at the Hall every Wednesday afternoon for crafts and darts practice plus our Whist group meet at 8pm (also at the Hall) every Monday evening.

**CHRISTINE BEYNON**

## The townswomen's guild is making plans for Christmas

**IN the Porthcawl Townswomen's Guild, thoughts are turning towards Christmas.**

So, perhaps it is time for a reminder of our Christmas Fair on November 30 at Trinity Church Hall in aid of Porthcawl's First Responders.

We have also enjoyed a lunch at Francos - we like to try out different places each month. The craft group and the games group have also been in action.

Our guild meeting this month was a craft demonstration organised by Freda Rodger and her craft group, Joyce, Ruth, Heulwen and Judith.

We were all encouraged to try our hand at the various crafts and even I,

very cack-handedly, managed to produce a decoupage card to be proud of!

We have linked up with the Inner Wheel organisation for two outings. *Matilda* in Cardiff on December 13 and Christmas Market at Gloucester Quays on November 15.

There are still seats on these, so if anyone is interested, get in touch with Dee Richardson on 01656 784243.

Next month's meeting is on November 14 at 2pm at All Saints' Church Hall when we will welcome back Debra John demonstrating 'Christmas' in her usual dramatic style. All are welcome to come and enjoy her. You will not be disappointed.

**Dorothy Thomas**



Marc Jehu, Simon Jehu and Rene Jehu.

## Jehu breaks £50 million threshold

**PUBLISHING its 2017/18 results recently, Andrew Lycett, Finance and Operations Director of Bridgend-based Jehu Group, said the business had made "...excellent progress against strategic targets" during the year.**

He said that there had been balanced growth across the group with a 33-per cent increase in contracting and a 17-per cent increase in homes for sale.

Continuing to highlight performance he said: "Turnover had grown across the business as a whole by 24 per cent, breaking through the £50 million threshold for the first time to £51.9 million.

"The increase in turnover has driven up gross profit margins to 10.8 per cent overall, thanks to a strong performance in our Waterstone Homes division. Overall operating profit increased by 25 per cent to £1.124 million.

"The growth in our contracting business, Jehu Project Services, reflects the desire of our clients to contribute to the delivery of the Welsh Government's target of 20,000 new homes by 2021 and our ability to respond with attractive project proposals which have involved us in the construction of 826 new homes during the year.

"We are already half way through 2018/19 and the order book has continued with strong performance as

we consolidate our position in the sector as a contractor of choice," said Marc Jehu, managing director of contracting.

Waterstone Homes had an increase in sales as developments were completed across four locations in south Wales, while commencing two further developments in the year.

Simon Jehu, managing director of development, said: "The overall process of getting developments up and running has become much harder in recent years with ever increasing technical obstacles to overcome. We are pleased to have been able to achieve year on year improvement.

"In line with our strategy, we are scaling up our aspirations for new home building and expect to see this business continue to grow over the next three years bringing greater stability and balance to the group's activities."

Andrew Lycett added: "We have established a strong reputation in the sectors in which we are operating. This, combined with the values of a family firm and a real commitment to responsible business practices, means that we are also being recognised as an employer of choice.

"Our headcount has already increased from 133 in March 2017 to 157 today and with further recruitment planned across the business. As we plan for sustained growth, we see an exciting future ahead of us."

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## Strike a pose at the masquerade ball

**A MASQUERADE ball is being staged on November 17 in the Hi-Tide, Porthcawl, aiming to raise funds so that the 'Make-a-Wish' charity can send a young family to Disneyland Paris.**

There's no better event where you can strike a pose than a masquerade ball, and when it comes to striking a pose few people can match local choreographer Andy Burnett.

Mr Burnett told The GEM: "Myself and my partner Scott Walters are undertaking a year's fundraising for Make A Wish foundation. Make-A-Wish UK grants wishes to enrich the lives of children and young people fighting life-threatening conditions.

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"As really big Disney fans ourselves, we know how much magic the Disneyland parks can give. We would like to be a part of granting a wish for a family to go over and experience the magic the park has to give."

"We have a special guest, Peter Karrie of *Phantom of the Opera* fame, who has agreed to come along and sing for us."

**For more information, go to: Facebook: Andy Burnett Masquerade.**

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# Local AM promoted to Shadow Education Secretary

**SOUTH Wales West Assembly Member Suzy Davies has been appointed to the role of Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Education.**

The move comes as part of the reshuffle carried out by newly elected Welsh Conservative Leader, Paul Davies.

Mrs Davies, who had served as Shadow Minister for Social Services, Culture, Heritage and Welsh Language since 2016 will also keep the Welsh Language brief as part of her new role.

"With Wales still sitting at the bottom of many international league tables when it comes to education, I am not taking this role lightly."

"Since the 2016 Assembly Elections the Welsh Labour Government has been propped up by the sole Lib Dem who has, in doing so, had free rein over the Education portfolio during this period."



Suzy Davies AM.

"With potential school closures presently taking place in parts of Wales, including in my own region of South Wales West, it is crucial that the funding and legislation decisions taken by Welsh Government are fully scrutinised, as well as how that is interpreted by different councils."

Mrs Davies, herself a Welsh speaker, having learned as an adult, added: "Welsh Language is an important part of education as it gives our young people added skills to meet a growing demand in the work place."

## Successful skipping for company

**FAMILY-owned ACD Skip Hire has completed the final programme of works as part of its two-year expansion plan after securing £370,000 funding from NatWest.**

The Bridgend-based business has used the funds to triple the size of its operations with the addition of new premises, as well as an upgrade of facilities at its original site to improve operational efficiencies.

The final programme of works, which was completed in July 2018, utilised £50,000 of funding from NatWest to install a new roofing system, covering the 4,000 sqft open yard at Brynnmenyn Industrial Estate. The new roof will protect general and recyclable waste from the elements and is set to save the firm thousands of pounds each month.

ACD's two-year expansion programme also included the purchase of an additional 10,000 sqft unit, which now houses the firm's vehicle workshop. The increased workshop

space will allow the company to invest in more vehicles to support growing demand for its services.

The family-run skip hire firm was established in the early 1990s by brothers Viv and David Hughes.

Almost 30 years on, the company has an annual turnover of £2 million and employs 23 local workers.

Viv Hughes, director and shareholder at ACD Skip Hire, said: "The installation of the new roofing system will have a significant impact on our business operations. As the yard was uncovered, wet weather and rain water would add weight to the waste materials we store, making loads heavier and more expensive to send to landfill."

"We will now see incremental savings in both time and costs as a result of this final investment. NatWest has supported our expansion plans since 2016 and we look forward to continuing our relationship with the bank as our business develops and grows."

## Beach clean by St Clare's pupils

**ST CLARE'S School decided to help clean up plastic waste found beaches and coastal areas.**

The clean-up is a community element of the school's new enrichment programme.

The Year 7 and Year 8 pupils were armed with litter-pickers and collected bags full of plastic which had washed up onto Newton Beach after the seasonal winds.

Headteacher Helen Hier said: "St Clare's takes its social responsibility very seriously and outdoor learning is important to the wellbeing of our pupils from nursery to sixth form. We're very fortunate to be so close to the Heritage Coastline, and it's crucial that we all play a part in taking care of it."

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## CERN and the search for 'dark matter'...

**LAST month, we celebrated the tenth birthday of the LHC at CERN and, following its 2014 discovery of the Higgs Boson, looked ahead to its next goal: the search for 'dark matter.'**

Dark matter remains one of the most puzzling mysteries in our current understanding of cosmology, so what is it all about?

The visible universe including Earth, the Sun, and all the other stars and galaxies, is made of protons, neutrons, and electrons bundled together into atoms, but scientists now believe that this 'ordinary' matter makes up less than five per cent of the total mass of the universe. The rest appears to be made of a mysterious, invisible substance called dark matter (25 per cent) and a

force that repels gravity known as dark energy (70 per cent).

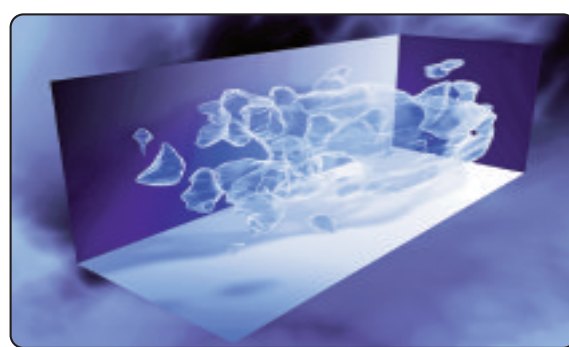
Dark matter doesn't interact with ordinary matter and it's completely invisible to light and other forms of electromagnetic radiation, making it impossible to detect. Scientists are confident it exists, however, because of the gravitational effects it appears to have on galaxies.

According to the standard laws of physics, stars at the edges of a spinning, spiral galaxy should travel much slower than those near the galactic centre, but observations show that stars orbit at more or less the same speed regardless of where they are. This only makes sense if the outermost stars are feeling the gravitational effects of an unseen mass in a halo around the galaxy - dark matter.

So, what might it be? The popular theory is that dark matter consists of exotic particles that don't interact with normal matter or light but still exert a gravitational pull. Researchers at CERN are currently trying to generate dark matter particles in the LHC. Other scientists, however, believe there may be multiple forms of gravity and the large-scale gravity governing galaxies differs from the gravity to which we are accustomed.

Hand in hand with dark matter comes the even more mysterious dark energy. Like dark matter, dark energy is not directly observed, but rather inferred from observations of gravitational interactions between astronomical objects.

It has long been known that the universe is expanding, but physicists had predicted that the attractive force of gravity would slow down this expansion over time. However, in the 1990s when two



**3D map of the large-scale distribution of dark matter, reconstructed from measurements of weak gravitational lensing with the Hubble Space Telescope. Image courtesy of NASA/ESA/Richard Massey (California Institute of Technology).**

independent teams tried to measure the rate of deceleration, they were shocked to find that the expansion was actually speeding up - reversing the notion of what goes up must come down!

Scientists think that this accelerated expansion of the universe is driven by a kind of repulsive force that grows stronger as the universe expands and, for want of a better name,

have dubbed this mysterious force dark energy.

In his theory of general relativity, Einstein predicted that the universe was expanding, calling it his "biggest blunder". Now that we know the expansion of the universe is accelerating, adding in dark energy as a cosmological constant could well explain how space-time is being stretched apart.

NORMAN LLOYD

## Bands give their time for charity

**PHIL and Mark Jones, two of Porthcawl's favourite musicians, have kindly donated their time to support a charity gig in aid of Velindre to be held at The Hi Tide Porthcawl on Friday, November 2.**

Mark's virtuoso guitar playing has been combined with the sophisticated musicianship of Prognosis (a unique band in their own right) to form The Kettleheads.

Phil will bring his Big Fat Blues Band to the venue, a group which has a strong following nationally and who released their debut album in February 2017.

Again, this is a band of

uniquely talented musicians who mix their own material with selected cover versions to provide an extravaganza of blues and rock 'n' roll.

These two extraordinary bands will be supported by The Eldorado Fins, fronted by another of the stalwarts of the Porthcawl music scene, Big Ritchie Jones, whose inimitable interpretations of rock classics will not disappoint you.

Cab are an acoustic duo (Carwyn and Barney) who will take you back to the 60s and 70s with their renditions of many classics from that era.

Tickets can either be bought on the night, or to save disappointment, contact *Mail* on 07598 684258. Doors will open at 7pm.

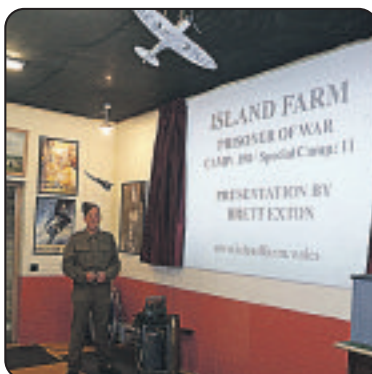
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# Hundreds visit to learn about Island Farm's World War Two German prisoner of war past



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**THE Hut 9** preservation group recently staged the latest of their open days at the site of the former prisoner of war camp at Island Farm, Bridgend, and entertained over 800 visitors.

The site of the famous 'Welsh Great Escape' is normally closed to visitors for much of the year, but the doors to Hut 9 open twice annually allowing people from far and near an opportunity to enter.

The tour started with a talk and film presentation from the group chairman Brett Exton, and after a short walk there was free time to explore the room layouts and chat with the many re-enactors occupying the rooms.

Every aspect of the history of the hut was covered, from its beginning as an ROF ladies accommodation camp, through the American presence and up to the arrival of the German prisoners in late 1944.

Its history did not end there as, at the war's end, the camp re-opened as Special Camp 11, holding a large number of Hitler's high command awaiting transportation back to Germany to await trial.

Also on display were a large number of original room paintings, now over 70 years old and really quite fragile.

Most visitors then took a little time relaxing and chatting with the re-enactors over a cup of tea and a slice of cake from the hut's Naafi cafe.

The preservation group are presently concentrating upon some new plans for the pleasure of their visitors and shall shortly announce their opening dates for March 2019.



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# Courage at the hardest time... Kathryn set to hold charity fundraiser

A BARRY woman who is facing the "the hardest months" of her life is holding a breast cancer fundraiser in the town on Friday, October 19.

Kathryn Harris (41) told The GEM that she is determined to do something positive at a time when there was a temptation to feel helpless.

The fundraiser takes place tomorrow evening at the Cherry Orchard from 5pm to 10pm.

She explained: "It's a 'Wear it Pink' event for breast cancer. We've got the upstairs free as the venue for it. There's going to be bingo, a raffle, quizzes and lots of fun."

"I've been feeling very ill due to chemotherapy but my sister Sarah has done an amazing job in getting some wonderful prizes from businesses in Barry."

Among the prizes

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donated are £130 worth of vouchers for 16 people to play two games at Barry Island Quasar, a meal for two at the Izmir Turkish restaurant and gym memberships.

The key thing is to raise funds for the Breast Cancer Now cause, which supports research into breast cancer. Kathryn, who is married to Dean and has three children, was diagnosed with breast cancer five months ago.

"In May I found a lump and faced a five-week wait for a diagnosis."

"I'm a working mum and a wait was terrible so I went to the Spire Cardiff Hospital and had a mammogram. When the surgeon came it was very blunt: 'You

have cancer'." Kathryn actually appreciated the no nonsense approach.

She explained: "I'm the sort of person who has always looked at the 'worst case scenario' so in a way I'd diagnosed myself as having cancer - I think if you assume the worst anything better is a bonus."

She has HER 2 breast cancer, an aggressive form of the disease. Kathryn was referred back to Llandough Hospital. "I had surgery to remove the lump in June and had one lymph node removed."

The cancer had spread and a few weeks later she had the rest of her lymph nodes removed. She is currently undergoing four and a half months of chemotherapy at Velindre Hospital. After that she faces radiotherapy five days a week for four weeks.

"The months ahead



Kathryn Harris.

are the hardest I will face, but I'm trying to find the positives. I know we're going to have a great evening - my daughter Sophie goes to Romilly Primary School and the parents have been amazing donating things and saying they'll come along."

Search on Just Giving.com for Kathryn Harris Breast Cancer Warrior for more information.

# Hinkley mud operation is over – for now...

LAST week, contractors finished depositing mud at 'Cardiff Grounds' not far off the Vale coast.

The mud had been dredged from near the Hinkley Point site in Somerset and a campaign was launched against its disposal, demanding that it be suspended until further testing on the mud could be carried out.

EDF Energy requested that the mud and sediment be removed so it can drill six vertical shafts for the cooling system for the new nuclear power station.

Last Friday, an EDF Energy spokesman announced: "Hinkley Point C contractors have now completed the licensed work to dredge and deposit mud in the Severn estuary."

"This mud is no different to mud found anywhere else up and down the coast. It has been thoroughly tested by a UK Government agency whose experts confirmed it poses no threat to human health or the environment."

Two days earlier, the Welsh Assembly had debated a Plaid/Conservative motion which demanded NRW suspend the marine licence allowing the disposal.

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Plaid Cymru were angry that Labour voted not to suspend the licence - the motion was defeated by 26 votes to 22. All the Labour AMs present at the debate, including Vale AM Jane Hutt and Cardiff South and Penarth AM Vaughan Gething, voted to allow the mud disposal to go ahead.

Plaid Cymru in the Vale said the Welsh Assembly had totally ignored Barry Town Council's recent unanimous vote to suspend the licence and carry out more tests.

Vale AM Jane Hutt secured a commitment from the Welsh Government to instruct Natural Resources Wales to meet the public with scientists about Hinkley Point, with an agreement to report back to the Assembly.

She said it was an important public engagement and "it is clear that the public is not, and has not, been convinced by their evidence so far."

She added: "It is the assurance of a safeguard that we need here. There must be respect and recognition of my constituents and their concerns. Safeguards must be provided via independent examination, scrutiny and monitoring."

The Welsh Government, Natural Resources Wales and EDF Energy have always maintained the disposal operation was safe.

In the end, a total of just under 110,000 tonnes of mud and sediment was dredged in the Severn estuary and deposited at Cardiff Grounds.

Further dredging will be required ahead of drilling the vertical shafts for the cooling water system for the new power station and EDF Energy says it will again work with experts to apply for a licence and comply with the necessary requirements.

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# Vale Council will move ahead with plans for village school

**CAMPAIGNERS say they will fight on against plans to 'move' a rural primary school after the Vale Council moved to press ahead with it.**

The Vale Council cabinet approved plans to move Llancarfan Primary to a new £4 million, 210-place building in nearby Rhose, where hundreds of new homes are expected over the coming years.

The cabinet has approved the publication of a statutory notice on the proposals, which will give people 28 days to object to the school move before a final decision is made.

Funding for the new building would have to be approved by Welsh Government. But campaigners say they will continue the fight against the plans – which they say amounts to a 'closure' of their school and would ruin the ethos of the rural primary. They say they could launch a judicial review.

It comes after more than 1,000 people opposed the plans across two consultations – and views against the school move were expressed in a council scrutiny committee.

One of the campaigners, Steve Parry, described the consultations – and the council's response to them – as a "sham exercise".

Speaking after the meeting, he said: "We will take issue with the Welsh Government if they give them funding for the new school; they would be closing a designated rural school."

"This is not finished. We will challenge this."

The meeting heard that the current

Llancarfan School, which would move in September 2021 under the plans, faces a budget cut of almost £100,000 in the next financial year based on projected pupil numbers.

Paula Ham, director of learning and skills at the council, said that redundancies are "almost inevitable" at Llancarfan School, but said should the proposals go ahead there would be "additional financial protection" for the school in the transitional period.

Cllr Gordon Kemp, the only cabinet member to vote against the plan, said the consultation report "might win a prize for creative fiction" by emphasising the positive feedback from people over the negative.

He said: "Most people in Llancarfan consider this to be a closure rather than a 'transfer'. It has been the intention of the education department to close this school for a number of years."

"We're starting to play with words here. We have to accept that this is going to be a closure of the school, a school that has been there since the 1870s will no longer be there."

The council had said the current Llancarfan Primary building is not fit for purpose, that the majority of pupils there come from outside the village, and moving the school to a new 210-place building in Rhose was needed to cater for the growing number of pupils in the area.

A new 48-place part time nursery would also be provided at the new site.

Trevor Baker, the Vale Council's head of strategy, community learning and resources, told the meeting he was confident the two consultations had

been meaningful and had engaged with the community.

He said: "One of the reasons there was a second consultation was to produce additional information that was not in the first document. There were additional options which were brought forward in the consultation process."

"The consultation is a process of helping people understand the problems of the larger system and seeking their views. There were lots of opportunities for meaningful discussion."

"From an educational point of view this is looking to provide £4million capital investment, reducing the number of challenges for staff at the school and supporting them to be able to deliver the curriculum."

Mr Baker denied that the education of current pupils is being sacrificed to access funding.

The meeting also heard that Llancarfan Primary – which will be the Vale's only designated rural school in a soon-to-be-adopted Welsh Government code – would not be the only school in the area able to access funding for small and rural schools.

Using the money to expand Rhws Primary School was not considered an option due to building constraints there, the council said.

The decision did not please the South Wales Central AM, Andrew RT Davies. He said: "Llancarfan Primary School is a well performing school – and forms a key part of the local community."

"I was therefore proud to work

alongside residents, parents and pupils in voicing my objections to the proposals – and campaign against the closure."

Vale AM Jane Hutt said: "I have consistently opposed the closure of Llancarfan School backed by extensive evidence and widespread public opposition. The Vale Council does not appear to have taken on board both authoritative evidence and the results of public consultation in making this adverse decision."

"Llancarfan is a wonderful school with a long history of excellence and I am very disappointed with this decision."

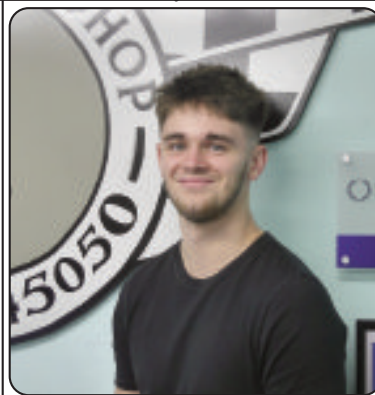
Vale MP Alun Cairns said: "I deeply regret the decision that the Vale Cabinet reached regarding the closure of Llancarfan School. I have stood with the community in strongly opposing the school closure for a long time."

"There is a deeper problem with the funding the Vale receives for education from the Welsh Government. At present, the Welsh Government funding formula for education in Wales is based on data that is 20 years old."

"This leaves the Vale as one of the worst-off local authorities in Wales. It stretches the budget and forces the Council into difficult decisions. That said, the decision on Llancarfan was the wrong one."

"The school is at the heart of the community and the cabinet should have found a way around this."

**Matt Discombe**  
Local democracy reporter/  
GEM staff



## Lucas Logan powers into the indoor – and food – market

**YOUNG Bridgend entrepreneur Lucas Logan has expanded his flourishing business venture, Meals, Bridgend indoor market.**

Mr Logan explained his business concept, saying: "People are really busy; I have always been interested in fitness, particularly nutrition, and thought that I could combine this with working for myself, something I really wanted to do."

Despite Mr Logan's young age he is already stacking up his business experience.

He said: "I had a great opportunity through Bridgend College and Avia Autos in Bridgend. I not only received the Bridgend College's

Fairwood Trust Enterprise Bursary which really helped to kick me off but also business advice, equipment and space from Avia, it definitely helped accelerate my venture."

Mr Logan's business serves healthy meals that customers build from a fresh selection of protein, carbohydrates and healthy extras; he offers an ad-hoc service but also provides a subscription service enabling the busy health conscious to facilitate their dietary needs.

The Bridgend indoor market is an established, central location in the town centre. Mr Logan is sited near the entrance to the market opposite the newly completed gym and apartment development recently completed on the old Rhw car park site. **HP**

## 'Indicator' marks Vale GCSE pupils as 'the best'

**A HIGHER percentage of Vale GCSE pupils achieved five grades A\* to C, including English and maths, than anywhere else in Wales.**

Over 66 per cent of students managed that standard, a 6.3 per cent increase on last year and well above the Welsh average of 60.3 per cent.

The proportion of pupils achieving five A\* to C grades also rose this year to 75.4 per cent, with performance improving in six out of the eight Vale schools.

The figure compares to an average of 69.6 per cent among the Central South Consortium (CSC) – a geographical area that also covers Bridgend, Cardiff, Merthyr Tydfil and Rhondda Cynon Taff Councils.

The Vale was the best performing local authority in mathematics and numeracy from the CSC as these subjects saw increases in performance of 4.1 and 2.5 percentage points respectively.

Results in English improved in seven out of the eight schools within the county, while

the percentage of pupils achieving five A\* or A grades increased from 24.8 per cent last year to 26.9 per cent in 2018, a figure significantly above the CSC average of 20.4 per cent.

Of particular note was the performance of Cowbridge Comprehensive School, where 47 per cent of pupils achieved this measure.

Cllr Bob Penrose, the Vale Council's cabinet member for Learning and Culture, said: "Vale schools have once again shone when it comes to examination performance and everyone involved should be immensely proud of their achievements."

"To be top of the table when it comes to this key performance indicator is no mean feat and I'd like to pass on my sincere congratulations to both the county's educational staff and pupils."

"Such strong GCSE results indicate there are a large number of Vale pupils with extremely bright futures in front of them and I wish them all every success as they embark on the next step of that journey."

## New York couple bring their poetry and art to Porthcawl

**AN unusual artistic partnership visits Porthcawl next Friday, October 26, 8pm, when artist Tony Martin and poet Margot Farrington come to the Green Room (above SUSSED, James Street)**

Margot will give a reading of her work and sign copies of her books. These include *Rising and Falling*, *Flares and Fathoms*, and *Scanning for Tigers*.

A short film will be screened that celebrates Tony's life, which includes his work as a 'light artist'. He is one of the first who, in the 1960s, initiated

light-shows with rock groups in San Francisco. The Grateful Dead and Jefferson Airplane were just two of the bands he worked with. A true pathfinder.

There will also be an open mike for local writers.

On behalf of organisers Sustainable Wales, Robert Minihinnick commented: "We're delighted to be able to highlight the creativity of this extraordinary couple."

"Margot and Tony live in New York, and this is their only Welsh performance. Not to be missed."

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- Ar 18 Hydref 2018, gwnaeth Cyngor Bro Morgannwg wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adran 14 Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill Orchymyn a fydd yn gorfodi'r hyn a ddisgrifir yn yr atodlenni isod:
- Gelwir y Gorchymyn yn "Gorchymyn Cyngor Bro Morgannwg (A4226 Waycock Road (5 Mile Lane), y Barri (Cau Ffordd) (Dros Dro) 2018 a daw i rym ar 29 Hydref 2018.

#### ATODLEN 1

Ni fydd unrhyw berson yn achosi neu'n caniatáu i gerbyd modur deithio yn y lleoliad a nodir yn Atodlen 2 isod.

#### ATODLEN 2

**Lleoliad:** Y ffordd i'w chau fydd A4226 Waycock Road (5 Mile Lane) y Barri o Gylchfan Waycock Cross i Oleuadau Traffig Sycamore Cross.

**Rheswm:** I alluogi cwblhau gwaith adeiladu ar ffordd newydd yr A4226.

**Hyd:** O 08.00 ar 29 Hydref 2018 am hyd at 18 mis

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### THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (A4226 WAYCOCK ROAD (5 MILE LANE) BARRY) (ROAD CLOSURE) (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2018

- On 18th October 2018 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below:
- The Order will be known as "The Vale of Glamorgan Council (A4226 Waycock Road (5 Mile Lane) Barry) (Road Closure) (Temporary) Order" 2018 and will come into force on 29th October 2018.

#### SCHEDULE 1

No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to proceed in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

#### SCHEDULE 2

**Location** The road to be closed is the A4226 Waycock Road (5 Mile Lane) Barry from Waycock Cross Roundabout to Sycamore Cross Traffic Lights.

**Reason** To allow for the new A4226 road construction works to be undertaken.

**Duration** From 8.00am on 29th October 2018 for a maximum period of 18 months

**WHILST THE CLOSURE IS FOR 18 MONTHS, THE ROAD WILL ONLY BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC INTERMITTENTLY FOR SHORT PERIODS. THESE CLOSURES WILL BE NOTIFIED BY ROAD SIGNS IN ADVANCE.**

**Alt. Route** Local signed diversions will be in place.

**NB** Access will be maintained for residents and emergency services and pedestrian access will remain in place at all times.

**Dated this 18th day of October 2018.**

Director of Environment & Housing  
Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps,  
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## Surfing record attempt

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When night falls, the Sequest Night Surf takes place on floodlit waves (6pm to 9pm).

The Fire and Water event will continue with a night of flames with an extravagant firework display and performances from FlameOz, throughout the evening.

FlameOz will not only be dancing and juggling with fire - they'll be eating it! 27th October, 8.30pm, Sandy Bay.

Other attractions planned for the day include a 'virtual surfboard ride' where you can surf without getting wet. This attraction is set to be available at Trecco Bay.

In the lead up to the event, Porthcawl is launching a brand new

selfie-board at the Rest Bay Watersports Centre site, when it launches this weekend (October 20). Selfie takers are asked to use #DiscoverPorthcawl a n d #DarganfodPorthcawl to share it with friends.

The Porthcawl Seascape project has received funding via the Regional Tourism Engagement Fund (RTEF) and supported through the Welsh Government - Rural Communities - Rural Development Programme 2014-2020, which is funded by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and the Welsh Government, the Fund to improve the visitor experience and create stronger destinations by working together

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# 'Cut to Vale budget will hit people hard'

A PLAID Cymru Vale councillor has said that real terms cuts of more than £5 million to the council's budget will hit families hard.

The Welsh Government's provisional settlement for local authorities in 2019-20 was announced last week.

A £1m cash terms cut was announced, reducing the Vale's funding settlement from £153m to £152m, but Plaid says that allowing for inflation at 2.7 per cent, the Vale would need £157.1m to provide the same services as before.

Cllr Ian Johnson said: "The cash figures show a cut of just over £1m in funding from the Labour-run Welsh Government, but that doesn't include inflation, which is currently 2.7 per cent.

"If you include inflation, then the gap between this year and next will be more than £5m.

"It is unfair and irresponsible that Labour would want local councils to cut services or increase council tax, affecting families already feeling the pinch."

A Welsh Government

by GEM REPORTER

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spokesperson said it accepted it was a "real terms cut", but insisted it had provided the best settlement it could.

"We have worked hard, across Government, to offer local government the best settlement possible in the current financial climate and have made further allocations to mitigate most of the reduction local government had been expecting following the final budget last year.

"We recognise this settlement is a real terms cut in core funding, at a time when authorities face real pressures. It is vital we continue to work together to deliver efficiencies and develop more effective ways of delivering local services."

The spokesman added: "While the local government settlement is the largest part of local authority funding, it is not the only source.

"We have been able to restore funding to a number of grants and have made a series of other decisions from

which councils will benefit directly, which add up to £84m in addition to the local government settlement."

Vale Council Leader John Thomas has, again, voiced his strong opposition to funding cuts imposed by Welsh Government.

The Council is set to see a 0.7 per cent per cent decrease in the funding settlement offered by Welsh Government for 2019/20. This, together with the increased pressures on the council to continue to provide many services to a standard that the residents of the Vale expect, means around £6.3 million worth of savings will need to be made to balance the budget next year.

And the suggestion is, reductions at a similar level will continue in the years that follow.

At a time when the council has already streamlined services to improve efficiency, Cllr Thomas warned such cuts will inevitably lead to a decrease in the quality and quantity of

services the council can afford to provide.

"The year on year cuts to our budget from Welsh Government is nothing short of scandalous," he said.

"As Leader of the Vale Council I am committed to delivering the very best services possible, but that is becoming increasingly difficult. Over the years, councils have been asked to deliver far more services, and are asked to respond to an increasing array of Welsh Government initiatives at the same time as continual cuts to our budget.

"The situation is not sustainable. Talk of efficiencies is all well and good, but this council already works in an incredibly efficient manner and for Welsh Government to suggest that a solution is to become more effective is nothing short of insulting and demonstrates a complete lack of understanding of the situation in our communities.

"I will be responding to the draft settlement and make no mistake, I will be responding strongly, in the interests of the residents and communities that we serve."

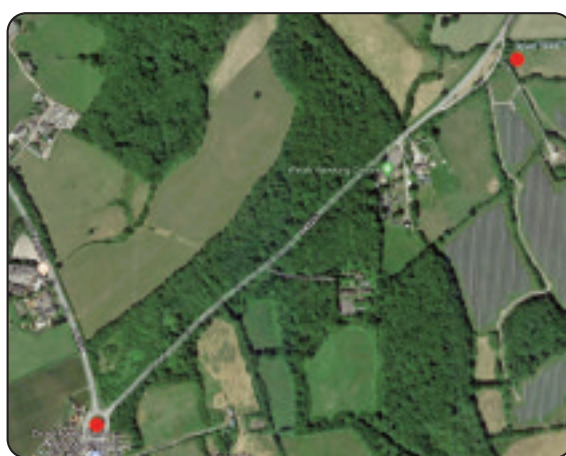
# 'Intermittent' closures for the next 10 months planned for stretch of Five Mile Lane

**CONSTRUCTION of the new Five Mile Lane (A4226) is, according to the Vale Council, progressing on schedule, with work set to complete next summer.**

However, as part of the work, the current road will need to be closed in a one-way direction northbound from Weycock Cross roundabout to the River Weycock for short periods over the next 10 months until the completion of the project.

A Vale Council spokesperson said: "An appropriate diversion route will be in place and fully signed during any closures and residents, businesses and the travelling public will be kept fully informed of the situation. Further closures will be publicised well in advance."

Cllr John Thomas, roundabout at certain



The red dots mark the location of the river, and the roundabout

Leader of the Vale Council, said: "There will be some minor disruption while work is carried out, with the current road needing to be shut northbound from Weycock Cross roundabout at certain

times. "We will endeavour to keep this to a minimum and would ask motorists to plan ahead and for their patience and understanding during these periods."

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At the Cosmeston Triathlon, Andrew Leftley is flanked by wife Amy and brother-in-law Ben Coates, who is also a teacher at Sir Richard Gwyn.



## Huge support shown for Tom Channon Memorial Fund

**SUPPORTERS of the Tom Channon Memorial Fund have been busy in recent weeks, and the fund has now passed £10,000.**

The fund was set up in memory of Tom, who died in an accident in Magaluf, Spain. The student had studied economics, history and English literature for his A-Levels at St Davids College in Cardiff, and had gone on holiday with friends to celebrate the end of the examinations.

The Tom Channon Memorial Fund has two aims. His family are aiming to create a lasting memorial to him, near the family home in Rhoose, and the second aim is to take legal action in Spain in an attempt to stop further accidents.

This year, two other British tourists died in similar accidents at the same apartment block, and the family want the authorities in Spain to introduce much stricter laws.

At the recent Cardiff Half Marathon, a number of the fund's supporters took part, including Tom's mother, Ceri.

Inspired by support from friends and well-wishers, she finished the course in 2'6".

More cash was raised

by Phil Johnson.

A spokesman for the fund said: "Phil trained for months for this race and raised a fantastic amount of money for Tom's fund. An outstanding effort."

"Damon Gibson and his wife Natalie also completed the half marathon to support the fund. Damon was one of Tom's teachers when he was at Rhws Primary School."

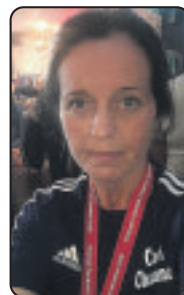
"The family thank him so much, as they do Phil for such an amazing effort."

"Thanks also to Matt Lloyd and others who also ran on the day and raised funds in Tom's memory."

Andrew Leftley, who taught Tom at St Richard Gwyn School, did not run in the Cardiff race, but he had a good excuse, having completed the recent Cosmeston Triathlon in Penarth.

Not only did Mr Leftley clock a new personal best for the event, but he also smashed his Justgiving fundraising target for Tom's fund.

For more information, visit [uk.gofundme.com/TomChannonMemo](http://uk.gofundme.com/TomChannonMemo).



Ceri Channon ran the half marathon in memory of her son Tom.



Damon Gibson and wife Natalie ran the Cardiff Half Marathon.

## 'Help support SSAFA for families of Armed Forces personnel'

**AS an Ambassador for SSAFA, the oldest UK Armed Forces charity, I am proudly supporting its Missed Moments campaign.**

The campaign aims to highlight the unique challenges faced by military families in Wales and the impact that serving has on the whole family.

The results show that there is another level to the sacrifices they make for our Nation – sacrifices which aren't always known or understood by the wider population.

SSAFA recently surveyed Armed Forces families, both past and present and found that 56 per cent have been apart for once-in-a-lifetime events, like the birth of a child or the funeral of a loved-one, due to service or deployment.

Furthermore, these sacrifices are little-understood by the wider population as the survey revealed that 81 per cent of the public were unaware that military deployment can be up to 10 months.

SSAFA provides lifelong support to the whole Armed Forces community, understanding the

complex nature of military service and the effect it can have on the wider family. The charity seeks to support the whole family, from help with school runs and hospital appointments to providing support in time of financial or emotional need.

Most of my close friends are in HM Armed Forces and I always seem to have someone away from home, whether that's in places like Iraq or Afghanistan or closer to home helping with the flood relief. It is extremely difficult, but just part and parcel of life behind the wire.

Thankfully, with modern military technology, we can at least keep in touch for most of the time.

I can only imagine how difficult it must have been for families in the past, who had no contact for months on end and for those lads and lasses deployed away from home, and away from their families, friends and loved ones.

To find out how you can support SSAFA and the Armed Forces family, please visit [ssafa.org.uk/donate](http://ssafa.org.uk/donate).

**Anthony Cotton, SSAFA Ambassador and Coronation Street actor.**

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## Leekes supports autism centres

**LEEKES provided assistance to a local not-for-profit social enterprise, Autism Life Centres (ALC), helping to transform a new kitchen area for a new day centre.**

Leekes supported the enterprise by donating two electric cookers and a washing machine to help equip the kitchen at their new Dan Murphy Day Centre in Trealew.

The centre provides young adults with autism access to day services that are motivating, challenging and meaningful. The focus of the centre is on developing life skills and encouraging access to services in the community.

Autism life centres work to enable young adults with autism to work together and to develop social and communication skills.

Emma Leekes, managing director at Leekes, said: "We are always pleased to support local community initiatives and were thrilled to be able to help with the donation of kitchen appliances for the charity."

ALC executive director Amanda Evans commented: "We have been overwhelmed by the generosity from the team at Leekes."

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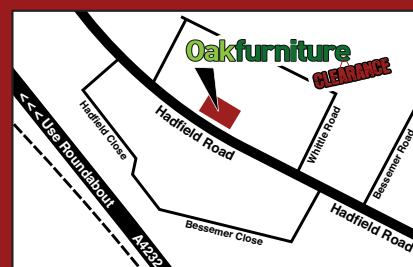
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# Councillors ask for extra resources in order to scrutinise City Deal

**COUNCILLORS** scrutinising the £1.2bn Cardiff Capital Region City Deal are calling for a funding pot to enable them to visit key sites and invite experts to meetings, saying without it, their hands are tied.

The first joint scrutiny committee meeting took place on Monday, October 15, in Bridgend with one councillor from each of the 10 local authorities signed up to the deal in attendance.

Each local authority has contributed millions of pounds to the project with further funding from the UK and Welsh Governments, and the European Union.

But councillors on the scrutiny committee were unhappy to discover that there seemed to be no budget allowance for visiting key sites of investment or for paying any experts they might want to quiz.

Cardiff city councillor Ramesh Patel said: "It's a major pitfall – for scrutiny to be meaningful it's absolutely essential."

"Cabinet members [on the City Deal] are entitled to go to these

places, it shouldn't be any different for scrutiny."

He added: "We don't want anybody to start pointing a finger at us saying 'you haven't done a good enough job [of scrutinising]'."

"If our hands are tied we can't do a good enough job. We have to have a budget set aside for that."

Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) which is carrying out the role of host authority for the scrutiny committee has been allocated £25k from the City Deal contingency budget for the first year to provide support and advisers.

Officers told councillors they would check whether funding could be provided for

visits and experts.

During the meeting, councillors agreed the terms of reference for the committee and began to look at what they could cover in future meetings.

Future items for scrutiny will include approved projects such as the compound semiconductor facility in Newport and the South Wales Metro system, as well as those in the pipeline.

Vale of Glamorgan Councillor Vince Bailey said it was important to "demystify" the City Deal and make it easier for people to understand what exactly was being done.

He said: "Some of the language in the City Deal is very opaque and technical."

Caerphilly County Borough Councillor John Ridgewell said the City Deal was "bewilderingly complex".

Councillors opted to bring forward the date of the next meeting, from March to January or February, with an exact date to be finalised in the coming weeks.

Meetings will rotate around the various local authorities while the chairman and vice-chairman roles will rotate in alphabetical order.

The City Deal aims to create 25,000 jobs across the region and bring in £4bn of private sector investment by 2036.

**Liz Bradfield**  
Local democracy reporter



'Flash, Bang, Wallop' what a performance!

## Cabaret show helps to raise funds for Rotary

**A HUGE thank you to everyone who joined in at the Parish Hall, Dinas Powys, for cabaret events on October 12-13, helping to raise funds for Rotary's local, national and international causes.**

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packed with favourites from the '60s through to the present day as the troupe performed the hits of Tom Jones, Bananarama, Tina Turner, the Drifters, Abba, and Neil Diamond.

Tim Hubbard, Rotary's event coordinator, said: "A fantastic time was had by everyone on both nights. Both humour and ability came together to deliver a truly great show."

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# Vale Council shelves plans for travellers' site

PLANS for a £2.3-million Gypsy and Traveller site on Hayeswood Road, Barry were shelved by the Vale Council earlier this week.

Dozens of people packed the council's public gallery on October 15 when the Cabinet announced the u-turn. Cllr Bob Penrose, who proposed the plans that were dropped, told the Cabinet: "There are too many concerns that have been raised by the local community both by the residents and local businesses as well as potential future businesses looking to invest in the local economy."

After the meeting Cllr John Thomas, Leader of the Vale Council said a number of factors had led the council to reconsider its position on the proposed site.

He explained: "Firstly, it has been clear to me and my Cabinet colleagues that there are considerable and justified concerns expressed by the



**Campaigners opposed to the Hayeswood Road site protested in front of the Civic Offices in Barry. Image by Matt Discombe.**

business community as to the potential impact of the proposal on the local economy.

"It is clear that there are plans to further develop this part of Barry for employment uses which if progressed would bring much needed jobs to Barry. I would not want to prejudice this."

"In addition, and as a result of the current position, we have been able to have further discussions with Welsh

Government to consider how best to engage with the Traveller community to ensure that any site that is progressed is appropriate.

"It is therefore essential that we continue in our efforts to engage with the Travellers and with Welsh Government in taking this matter forward."

South Wales Central Assembly Member, Andrew RT Davies welcomed the decision:

"The proposals for the site were wholly unsuitable with the council previously including it for residential development in the Local Development Plan."

"After meeting many local residents last week, I'd like to pay tribute to the excellent community campaign they pursued: this is a victory for them and for common sense."

Sully councillor Kevin Mahoney, who opposed the site, told The GEM

he had written to the Vale Council to demand an independent external inquiry into the actions of the Vale's planning and housing departments with regard to "the continuing fiasco" over 'Gypsy Traveller accommodation assessments'.

He said there has now been seven years' of "flawed provision" for a permanent 'Travellers' site in the Vale.

On a petition site, Sully Village Hub declared victory.

The group had attracted 2,277 supporters.

**GEM reporter/Matt Discombe, Local Democracy Reporter**

# Vale student wins national art prize

A PUPIL from a Vale school is celebrating after being named as a winner of the 2018 Arts & Minds competition organised by NASUWT.

Arts & Minds is an annual, UK-wide competition aimed at promoting race equality and diversity in schools. Children and young people from primary, secondary and special schools are judged in two categories: art and creative writing.

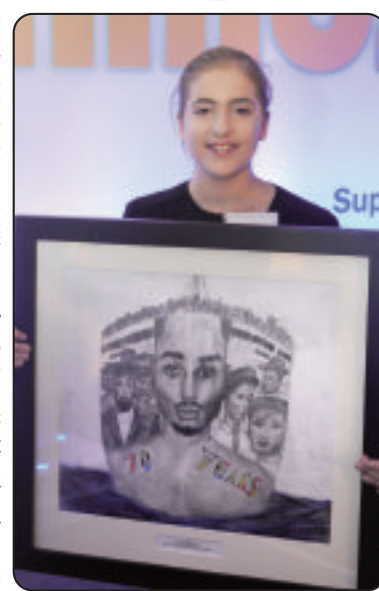
Rhiannon Bennington 15, a year-11 pupil at Ysgol y Deri in Penarth, was chosen as a winner of the secondary school artwork category for her piece 'Windrush'.

She picked up her prize at the awards ceremony in London.

The judges said of the artwork: "The strong figurehead leading from the front and the mix of heads behind is a striking image and produces an almost 3D perspective."

Chris Keates, general secretary of the union, said: "Congratulations to Rhiannon, who clearly worked very hard to achieve this success."

"Every entry was highly creative and clever in its interpretation of the messaging behind the



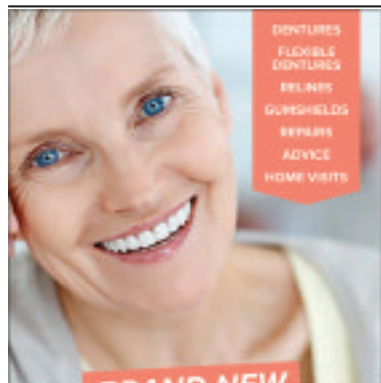
**Rhiannon at the award ceremony. Picture by Brendan Kelly/Mousetrap Media.**

competition, so the judges had great difficulty in choosing the winners.

"The quality of entries is a credit to the skills and abilities of the pupils and their teachers and support staff."

"The union is proud to organise the Arts & Minds competition which is an effective and enjoyable way of promoting and celebrating cultural diversity."

"The union wishes to thank every pupil and every school who participated and helped to make the competition such a huge success." AS



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## Online access a 'huge problem' for claimants of Universal Credit

RESIDENTS and campaigners in the Vale attended a recent meeting Barry to provide help and support to claimants of Universal Credit (UC).

UC is an overhaul of the benefits system, bringing together six different payments into one and is paid monthly. It was launched in the Vale on October 10.

Assembly Member Jane Hutt attended the meeting in Colcot Community Centre, saying: "I and my Labour colleagues are worried that not enough has been done in the Vale to provide support to people who will be affected by the changes. "The reforms are complex and have had devastating effects on people where they have been delivered," she said.

Ian Swan, of UNITE, told those attending that some councils had prepared help and support for people affected by UC, but this had to be done in advance, not after.

Mr Swann stated that the benefit must be applied for online.

He described this as a "huge problem", and stated that "...some 30 per cent of people in Wales either have no computer access or are IT illiterate".

Trussell Trust

manager and local councillor Susan Lloyd-Selby said that where UC has been introduced, food banks have seen an increase of more than 52 per cent of people arriving for help.

A spokesperson for the department of Work and Pensions responded to The GEM's inquiry, saying: "Universal Credit simplifies an out-of-date, complex legacy system and it is rolling out successfully; it is helping people into work quicker and stay in work longer."

"Through our 'test and learn' approach, significant improvements have been made to the system, such as making 100-per cent advances available, removing the seven waiting days, and providing two additional weeks of housing benefits for claimants moving from the old benefits system onto UC. "The majority of claimants are comfortable with managing their money but budgeting advice and digital support is available for those who need it."

The spokesperson stated: "The reasons for food bank use are complex, so it's wrong to link it to any one cause."

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# Women during wartime: so much more than keeping the home fires burning



*Naming of parts. A recruit to the Women's Royal Naval Service learning the parts of a rifle from a Royal Marine at the Crystal Palace depot.*

*In the third of the a series commissioned by The GEM in the run up to Armistice Day 2018, Bob Wheatley of the Royal British Legion in Barry, has written a piece on women during World War One.*

*From munitions workers to FANYs, and from the Voluntary Aid Detachment to engine drivers and the Women's Land Army, they did far more than keeping the home fires burning, with many serving overseas, rightly being awarded honours for gallantry and service, and with loss of life.*

**A FRIEND of mine recently said that the First World War was won by women.**

Without doubt, they made a huge contribution but the war was won by the men in the trenches. However, it is a fact that the war could not have been won without the contribution of the women.

The First World War brought many changes in the lives of British women. It is often represented as having had a wholly positive impact, opening up new opportunities in the world of work and strengthening their case for the right to vote.

The reality is more complex. Not all of the opportunities the war provided to women were entirely positive or long lasting.

On the eve of war, the position of women in British society was largely unfavourable. In the workplace, 'women's work' – most commonly domestic service – was poorly paid and considered separate from, and inferior to 'men's work'. Women were still expected to give up work once they were married, to revert to their 'natural' roles of wife, mother and housekeeper.

Women in paid employment were not a new phenomenon in 1914. They made up a substantial part of the industrial workforce even before the First World War, although they were mainly concentrated in textile

manufacture.

In 1915, there was a desperate shortage of shells due to so many men joining the armed forces and women were brought into munitions manufacturing in large numbers. By 1918 almost a million women were employed in some aspect of munitions work.

The first women police officers served during the First World War. One of the main responsibilities of the Women's Patrols – as they were initially known – was to maintain discipline and monitor women's behaviour around factories or hostels. They also carried out inspections of women to ensure that they did not take anything into the factories which might cause explosions, and also patrolled other public areas such as railway stations, streets, parks and public houses.

One of the areas of employment where new opportunities opened up for women was in transport. Women began working as bus conductresses, ticket collectors, porters, carriage cleaners and bus drivers. During the war the number of women working on the railways rose from 9,000 to 50,000.

While new jobs did become available to women during wartime, many of these opportunities were closed to them after the war as servicemen returned to their jobs.

For women with children who wanted – or needed – to take on paid work, childcare could be a problem. The pressing need for women to work in munitions did prompt the government to provide some funds towards the cost of day nurseries for munitions workers, and by 1917 there were more than 100 day nurseries across the country. However, there was no provision for women working in any other form of employment and most had to rely on friends and family to help care for their children while they were at work.

Munitions work was relatively well paid, especially for women previously employed in domestic service. But it was unpleasant, dangerous and involved working long hours. Women in large shell filling factories worked with TNT. This poisonous explosive could cause a potentially fatal



*Women's Land Army farm workers in Hertfordshire, 1917.*

condition called toxic jaundice, indicated by the skin turning yellow.

The ladies who suffered from this were promptly nicknamed 'canaries'. There were also several devastating explosions in which women were killed.

Pressure from women for their own uniformed service to assist the war effort began in August 1914. After a War Office investigation which showed that many jobs being done by soldiers in France could instead be done by women, the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) was established in December 1916. In April 1918, the WAAC was renamed Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps. The Women's Royal Naval Service was formed in November 1917 and the Women's Royal Air Force was set up on 1 April 1918. In total, over 100,000 women joined Britain's Armed Forces during the war.

Working together in large numbers opened up new leisure and recreation opportunities for women. Sport was encouraged among female workers as it was thought to be good for their health and general moral wellbeing. If you thought women's football was a modern phenomenon you would be quite wrong. Many munitions factories developed their own ladies' football teams.

The most famous of these teams was Dick Kerr's Ladies' FC in Preston. Founded in 1917, their matches drew large crowds. They continued to enjoy success until women were banned from playing in Football League grounds in 1921.

Over 750,000 British men died during the First World War – 9 per cent of all British men under the age of 45. At the time – and in subsequent years – it was felt that the losses amounted to a 'lost generation' of young men. During the 1920s newspaper headlines talked of 'surplus' women who would never find husbands. While many middle class women did remain unmarried due to the lack of available men in the relatively narrow social sphere in which they moved, some women in this period remained single by choice or by financial necessity.

Professions such as teaching and medicine were opening up to women, but only if they remained unmarried.

Women serving in the auxiliary services or working in manufacturing, transport and on the land wore a range of uniforms and clothes, sometimes including trousers. Although women's fashions were already evolving by 1914, the move to more practical clothing during wartime undoubtedly accelerated the pace of change. By 1919 many fashionable young women were wearing shorter skirts and looser-waisted clothing.

Many volunteered for Red Cross duties, either training as nurses in Voluntary Aid Detachments or organising hospital supplies. Women from farming families continued to

work on the land. Some of these joined the Women's Land Army when it was established in 1917. Others took over 'men's jobs', in factories, offices and in transport.

Almost every woman and girl, however old or young, sewed or knitted 'comforts' for the troops and most women at home worried about their fathers, husbands, sweethearts and sons, and struggled to manage with decreasing supplies of food.

Many Welsh women lost their lives during the war. Stewardesses and nurses drowned when their ships were torpedoed or collided; munitions workers died in explosions or from chemical poisoning, and Spanish flu claimed the lives of many nurses and others during 1918 and 1919.

The war had a profound effect on the women of Wales. In the 1921 census, all Welsh counties except for industrial Glamorganshire and Monmouthshire, and to a lesser extent Brecknockshire, had an excess of women over men in the population, in the case of Caernarvonshire of nearly 11,000. Many women were destined never to marry, and with the withdrawal of jobs as the men returned to the workplace, had difficulty in supporting themselves. More positively, the Representation of the People Act passed in 1918 granted the vote to women over 30 who met the property regulations. The vote was not extended to all women until 1928.

After the war many women were forced to leave the roles they had taken up to make way for returning soldiers and Britain faced the momentous task of readjusting after four years of the bloodiest conflict the world had ever seen.

Historians remain divided on the lasting impact of the war on women, with some describing it as a 'watershed of social change' opening up new opportunities that shaped women's post-war years. Others take a more conservative view and suggest the impact on women and gender roles was limited and temporary.

Regardless of which camp you fall into, it cannot be denied that the First World War opened new opportunities to women who wanted to work, opportunities that many did not wish to give up after the war was won. Our womenfolk did much more than 'keep the home fires burning'. They kept the wheels of industry, transport, agriculture and most functions of daily life turning.

It is important that as the First World War is commemorated, we remember not only the sacrifices of those who fought but also the valuable contribution British women made to the war effort and the pivotal role this played in changing the role of women in British society.

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*Are YOU in this?*

*A 1917 poster designed by Robert Baden-Powell encouraging civilian participation in the war effort.*

## NFU Cymru welcomes future agricultural farming formula

**NFU CYMRU president John Davies said: "We are pleased to have confirmation that the Barnett formula will not be used to apportion future agricultural funding to the devolved nations of the UK."**

"Wales currently receives approximately 9.4 per cent of the UK's CAP receipt from the EU. If Wales' future allocation of Treasury funding for agriculture was subject to the use of the population share based allocation (Barnett), this would equate to a reduction in funding of around 50 per cent."

"This is something that NFU Cymru has strongly lobbied against. We are pleased to have had confirmation from the Secretary of State for Wales, Alun Cairns,

that this will not be the case and that the Secretary of State is committed to working with us to secure a future funding model; a model that we hope can help achieve our vision of a productive, progressive and profitable Welsh agriculture industry."

"NFU Cymru awaits more detail on the terms of reference for the independent review to be launched by the UK Government and we look forward to fully engaging with the review process. It is absolutely critical that Wales secures a funding arrangement that is reflective of the type of agriculture and the relative importance of the sector to the economy in Wales."

This is in response to Alun Cairns' statement that agricultural funding will not be Barnettised post-Brexit.

**Rhian Hammond**

## News in brief

### Bingo social in Cowbridge

ON Thursday, November 1 there is a bingo social evening in the Lesser Hall in Cowbridge at 7.30pm prompt. This is followed by light refreshments; free entry!

### Quiz Night returns

AUTUMN season at Llantwit Major library has got off to a flying start with the re-launch of our Film Night and, in a new development, a regular slot for our Mah-Jong players every third

### Tuesday.

Now it's time to welcome the return of our occasional quiz nights and the next is scheduled for Friday, October 26. Everyone is welcome to attend in teams of four or individually, at £2 per person. If you don't mind drinking out of a plastic cup, feel free to bring a bottle of wine and make a night of it. We're under starter's orders from 7pm and may be the best team win! Make sure of your place by ringing 01446 792700 or popping in to the library.

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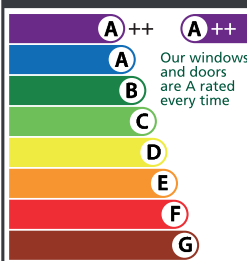
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## Prime Minister is '...committed to guarding future of local media'

PRIME Minister Theresa May has said that she is committed to safeguarding the future of local media, which is a highly trusted news source for millions of people and "the backbone of this country's democracy."

In a recent speech at a reception for local media in No 10 Downing Street, the Prime Minister spoke of the importance of local media to an audience of regional press editors, journalists, chief executives and senior management, and representatives from the News Media Association.

She said: "I know from the discussions I have with my own local paper the significant pressures that are on regional and local press at the moment. Nowhere is this more true than in print journalism where the rapid changes in consumer behaviour

and technology have led to falling circulations and advertising revenues. As we know, a quarter of local papers have closed in the past decade.

"That is why we launched the Cairncross Review, to examine what more we can do to improve the long term sustainability of high quality journalism, because it is that high quality journalism, at a local and regional level, that is so important in underpinning our democracy.

"Obviously, we'll wait for the review's findings and recommendations before we make specific policy decisions but nothing is off the table. This commission was launched because we see that there is a problem there and we need to have those voices looking into it for us and coming forward with their recommendations."

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## Barry Mayor hosts Special Olympians



**BARRY** Town Mayor, Cllr Janice Charles, recently invited the winning medallists from the Vale into the Mayor's Parlour at Barry Town Council Offices.

The winning medallists took part in the Special Olympics 40th Anniversary Games in Stirling, where a total of eight medals were won from athletes from the Vale competing in four sports.

Julie Hurd

## Women at the forefront of astronomy in 1889



Early photograph of 'Pickering's Harem', the group of women assembled by Harvard astronomer Edward Pickering, who were dubbed his 'computers'. The group included Henrietta Leavitt, Annie Jump Cannon, Williamina Fleming, and Antonia Maury. Image courtesy of Harvard College Observatory.

**THIS** month is a really good time to go outside and view the winter constellations.

The Milky Way is right overhead and the constellation of Cassiopeia with its familiar 'W' shape straddles the arm of our Galaxy. Ursa Major lies much lower towards the northern horizon, with its two brightest stars (the pointers) showing the way to our Pole star.

Between the Pole star and Cassiopeia lies the constellation of Cepheus. Although it does not contain any bright stars its main outline can be made out. Four stars form a top-sided square while a fifth, Gamma, should be recognised as it is nearest to the pole star. These five stars are often said to look like a church with Gamma forming a crooked steeple.

Cepheus is famous for containing two really interesting stars, both of which are visible to the naked eye. When you have allowed your eyes to become dark adapted, (at least ten minutes) look at the bottom corner star that appears to form a small naked eye triangle with two other stars. The star at the point of the triangle is known as Delta Cephei and is one of the most important of stars. The English amateur John Goodricke (1764-1786) observed from the city of York, and noticed that this star seemed to change brightness, while always remaining visible to the naked eye; he realised that over several days it changed brightness in a regular way.

Then the American astronomer Henrietta Leavitt (1868-1921) realised these stars could be used as distance indicators, and they were used to calculate the distance to other galaxies. This aided us in working out just how vast our Universe is. The way this was realised is beyond the scope of these notes.

Our second star is Mu Cephei. From the triangle, look halfway towards the opposite corner and stop halfway along this imaginary line. There is a star fainter than the others, get a pair of binoculars and place this star in the

centre, now look just a little below it and you will locate Mu.

It should be obvious this star is different. William Herschel called it the Garnet star because it looks like a glowing coal ember. This star is very old, it lies about 1,500 light-years away and is very luminous - we think at least 50,000 times as powerful as our Sun.

Other constellations prominent this month include the great Square of Pegasus and Andromeda containing the local spiral Galaxy M31.

On November 12 the Moon will occult the dwarf planet Pluto. Unfortunately, a large telescope will be necessary to see this rare event. When discovered in the 1930s by the American amateur astronomer Clyde Tombaugh it was thought to be a planet, but by the 1990s several objects now called Kuiper belt objects, some larger than Pluto had been discovered and so in 2006 Pluto was downgraded to the status of dwarf planet.

Tombaugh died in 1997 and a small portion of his ashes were carried on the New Horizons spacecraft that arrived in the vicinity of Pluto in 2015. This craft confirmed our suspicions about Pluto's status.

The name Pluto was decided via a competition. The winner was an 11-year-old English schoolgirl, Venetia Burney. Venetia was familiar with Greek and Roman mythology and thought that Pluto would be a good name for this planet because "Pluto is the god of the underworld, who could make himself invisible and dwell in a place that sunlight didn't reach".

November 22 sees the Moon forming a triangle with two open, naked-eye clusters the Hyades and Pleiades. On the 27th the Moon is close to another fine cluster, the Beehive.

Do keep an eye on our website [www.barryastronomical.wordpress.com](http://www.barryastronomical.wordpress.com) for details of our meetings and observing sessions. You are most welcome to attend.

Dave Powell

## Readers' Letters

## Cloud cuckoo land along Five Mile Lane

**D**ESPITE there being little change from £26m for a new road parallel to Five-Mile Lane, we will still have a situation where families do not have an attractive choice to cycle to Amelia Trust Farm.

Highways engineers and politicians believe that families with young children will be able to walk and cycle along the existing central section of Five-Mile Lane despite it remaining open to cars, vans and lorries travelling at speed.

They don't seem to understand that reducing traffic volumes on this dangerous road, with all its twists and hills, will not enable families to reach destinations like the Amelia Trust Farm by foot or bicycle.

With all the contractors and machinery on site it would be very cost effective to build a proper segregated and protected foot and cycle pathway along the entire length of Five-Mile Lane.

The Church Village

Community Path rarely gets close to the Church Village by-pass, but when it does, a safety barrier and fence protects those walking and cycling from errant vehicles and pollution. The St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council has asked for the pathway that will run along the edge of the northern section of Five-Mile Lane to be protected by a similar barrier and fence. The Vale Council said no, because there is no instruction in its manuals to apply common sense - or to make cycling safe and attractive for families.

The Roman farmstead, which was the Caerleon Roman Barracks of the Vale has been destroyed to make way for this road. Future generations will not be able to see those historic walls and ditches, nor will they inherit any safe and comfortable infrastructure for cycling.

The level of cycling isn't increasing in Wales because the manuals are not fit for purpose and politicians continue to fail our children and future generations.

Ian Perry, Vale of Glamorgan.

## Mayor makes clarification

**I** WISH to clarify a point made in a letter printed in October 11 copy of the Llantwit Major GEM, from Doug Mountain of Llantwit Major.

I would like to emphasise that I am not the 'ex-Mayor' referred to in his letter, and he is not expressing my opinions and views on any topic.

Many thanks,  
Cllr Jayne Norman,  
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# Winter feed a concern for farmers after the drought



Rachel Saunders of the Farmers' Union of Wales writes on Farming Matters.

**AFTER a calamitous harvest earlier in the year caused by the severe drought, the window of good weather in recent weeks has come as a lifeline for hundreds of farmers and their animals, allowing desperately-needed additional crops of silage to be taken ahead of the autumn and winter.**

By this time last year rainfall frequency was well above the 30-year average and had already left the ground sodden in many areas. Even as early as September 2017, 83 per cent of Wales had soil moisture levels, which were higher than the long term average. By December 2017 the whole of Wales had soil moisture levels higher than the long term average: a situation which continued into the spring, meaning cattle

which had already been housed weeks earlier than normal could not be turned out at the usual time in the spring. Farmers are now desperately praying for a dry autumn, which will allow them to keep cattle out for longer. Welsh farmers are not alone in facing such adversity: in mid July, the Irish Government estimated that there was an eight-million tonne fodder shortage in the Republic, triggering the launch of a €2.75 million tillage scheme paying €155 per hectare to grow additional fodder reserves.

Weeks later, Irish Agriculture Minister Michael Creed launched a €4.25 million fodder import fund, soon after which fodder started arriving. A survey of 900 farms conducted by the Irish Government's Interagency Fodder Committee has concluded that the Republic's fodder deficit has now been reduced to three million tonnes. While the Welsh

Government has not conducted a survey to gauge Wales' forage deficit, it has responded to the problem by committing £500,000 to farming charities, and agreed to pay loans to the five to 10 percent whose Basic Payments may not be paid in December.

With farmers' attention divided between the need to ensure animals can be fed over the winter; a potential collapse in exports when we leave the EU in little more than five months' time; and a Welsh Government consultation proposing the abolition of the direct payments on which 80 per cent of farm businesses rely, stresses are running high across the industry.

We therefore urge anyone who is feeling the strain to speak about how they feel and seek help. There is a plethora of organisations, like the RABI, The Farming Community Network, DPJ Foundation and many more are there to help. So don't bottle it all up, but speak up.

## Fonmon Apiary column Bees are being unseasonably busy

**IS autumn here? Yes it is. As I pointed out in my previous article, lots of signs confirm this fact.**

Each of the colonies here at Fonmon has been busy disposing of the drones (male bees) because drones have no role in the winter activities of a colony.

I say 'activities' because due to the mild winters we are currently experiencing, there is a great deal of activity within each of the colonies when really there should be very little.

Honeybees do not hibernate! They definitely slow down when temperatures drop below 10° Celsius; however with temperatures still in the high teens all of the colonies are extremely busy. Thanks to the unseasonable conditions I can still examine each of the colonies in depth when I should be wary of opening them up at all.

The queens are still laying eggs; these eggs develop into larvae and eventually these larvae will be sealed over with a wax capping and new bees will emerge, boosting the colony's numbers. The exact opposite should be

occurring! Reduction in colony numbers and reduction in colony activity is the norm at this time of the year – or should be.

In-house stores are crucial if a colony is to survive the winter months ahead: all of the pollen and nectar brought back to the hive by the foraging bees has to be processed before it is fit for use at any time of the year. To fund any activity an energy source is required. What will provide the required energy? The in-house stores!

Both the bees and the beekeeper will have to address the current environmental changes, challenges are ahead. Will the bees handle it? Quite possibly: it will be the beekeeper that may not.

The varroa mite is still a major problem; its breeding cycle is closely aligned to that of the bees and as the queens are still laying and providing the wherewithal for the mites to produce their offspring it seems the beekeeper's woes will never end. Should I consider saving stamps instead of beekeeping?

Harold Williams

## What's on - News in brief

### Cardiomyopathy meeting

THE Cardiomyopathy UK Bridgend support group will next meet on Saturday, November 10 from 2pm to 4pm at Pencoed Welfare Hall.

Jo Franks from Cardiomyopathy UK will give a talk on what services the charity can offer those living with, or caring for, someone with cardiomyopathy. She will also outline future developments at the charity. There will be time for a chat and a

cuppa too.

### Charity concert

THE Mayor's Charity Concert takes place on Friday, October 19 in Llantwit Major School, starting at 7pm and features the Rock Choir, Bridgend Male Choir and soloist Angharad Morgan.

Tickets (£10) and can be purchased from the Town Hall or on the door. All proceeds will go to the Mayor's chosen charities, Headlines, Age Connects and St Illtud's Church Restoration Fund.

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# Out & About with The GEM

## First Man is a stunning and compelling piece of work

**H**AVING delivered what is perhaps one of the most startlingly brilliant debut films of all time with *Whiplash*, Damien Chazelle then set about modernising the musical with the exceptional *La La Land* (becoming the youngest winner of the best director category at the Oscars in the process at the ripe old age of 32).

His third film comes with no end of expectation, and tells the story of the space race in *First Man*. Ryan Gosling plays Neil Armstrong, the astronaut who took the first steps on the moon, but this is a film that tells the story of the how and the why, and the pressures both personal and professional Armstrong faced in order to get to the moon and achieve what many felt was impossible...

Despite the

mammoth buzz and the near-flawlessness of his first two films, there are some who remained unconvinced about Damien Chazelle – unquestionably talented, but is he the real deal?

In some ways, the doubts from some quarters about Chazelle are mirrored in this, his third feature film, a story of men, and one in particular, with the intention of going further and achieving more than others around them had ever managed.

Neil Armstrong and NASA proved their detractors wrong, so does Chazelle; *First Man* is a breathtaking, heavily-weighted piece of work that engages and captivates from the opening to the finale.

While some true stories may not be so widely known, the same certainly can't be true here, so Chazelle creates a piece of work that takes you through every inch of the process that saw Apollo 11 reach the moon, focusing through the prism of Armstrong, his family, and the cost making history had personally and professionally.



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It's a story that while deep, doesn't hang around; big moments that shape the journey to the moon are never played in a grandstanding fashion, instead, almost documentary-like in their matter-of-factness, the film has an immediacy and directness that is thrilling to savour, throwing you into events with real impact.

Chazelle's previous work has shown him as being a director comfortable with the intimate and the grandiose. Both sides come out to play here, whether it's the semi-regular first-person point of view shots that are part of that immediacy, or some gloriously staged, and beautifully shot, moments of beauty (the moon landing sequence

particularly), Chazelle gives confirmation, if any were needed, that he is a director savvy enough to turn his hand to anything.

He's assembled a cast that oozes quality, and for a film to have the likes of Kyle Chandler, Jason Clarke, Ciaran Hinds, Corey Stoll and Shea Whigham in minor supporting roles gives you an idea of the kind of pedigree we're dealing with (suffice to say that, amidst this background, there isn't a performance that doesn't land).

The weight of the film hangs on Ryan Gosling as Armstrong and Claire Foy as his wife, Janet. His second team-up with Chazelle after *La La Land*, Gosling is incredible here, delivering a stoic, determined performance, capturing a man whose indefatigable spirit helps push the moon landings on amidst the carnage of both technological and human setbacks.

It's a performance that is played in a low key, Gosling a deft enough actor to anchor his performance to the man rather than the myth.

He is ably matched by *The Crown*'s Foy, whose performance is exceptional; much like Armstrong she is determined, willing to support her husband, but while Neil's feelings are obscured by his

drive, we see the impact of everything through the eyes of Janet.

It's no easy task to carry this weight, but Foy is more than up to the task.

If there is any downside to *First Man*, it's only that this is plainly a serious film about a serious topic; there is little lightness on show, and every moment of the film's 141 minute running time is focused on going deeper into the story of one of humanity's greatest feats, which is quite heavy going.

However, this is film that grabs you from its bravura opening, and as such makes *First Man* one of the most captivating and engrossing films of the year – and reiterates the sheer scale of Damien Chazelle's talents.

**VERDICT:** A tour de force from writer/director Damien Chazelle, *First Man* is certainly portentous, but it's also wholly engaging from the get-go. It delves deep into the space race and what the cost of winning it meant to the United States and those who were involved. With stunning performances from leads Ryan Gosling and Claire Foy, this is a slow-burning effort that oozes class. *Essential viewing.*

**SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED:** *Whiplash* (2015), *Apollo 13* (1995).

## What's on in your area...

**Cowbridge Art Society**  
ON Thursday, October 18, there will be a still life demonstration in oil paints at Cowbridge Art Society by Raglan artist Mike Skidmore and on Thursday, October 25, there will be a portrait painting demonstration in oils by artist Derek Windsor.

The society welcomes artists of any level, and also non artists who would like to see demonstrations of various art techniques or attend illustrated lectures on art topics.

The group meets on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge (7pm-9pm) and occasional visitors and new members are most welcome. For details of the society's programme and activities, collect a programme from the Old Hall, or see [www.facebook.com/cowbridgeart](http://www.facebook.com/cowbridgeart) or [Instagram#cowbridgeartsociety](https://www.instagram.com/cowbridgeartsociety).

**Ward Councillors' Surgery**

THE Labour Councillors for Buttrills, Cadoc, Casteland and Court Wards, will be holding their regular, monthly advice surgery on Saturday, October 20 in the Small Community Room, Barry Library, King Square from 10am until 11am. No appointment is necessary.

**Joint surgery**

DYFAN and Cadoc Ward Councillors Bailey, Nugent-Finn, and Rowlands will be holding a joint advice surgery on October 20 10.30am – 12.30pm at Waitrose Café. This is a great opportunity for residents to raise concerns to their local representatives.

**CD launch**

ON Saturday, October 20 at Bethel Baptist Hall in Llantwit Major from 10am-12 noon, the foodbank invites you to the launch of 'A Hidden Hunger', a specially commissioned CD supporting the work of foodbanks.

Come along, bring friends, family and sing along with the local artists who have produced the CD.

All proceeds to support the Foodbank in Llantwit and throughout the Vale.

**Councillors' surgery**

LLANTWIT First Independent Councillors will hold a surgery at the Heritage Centre, Town Hall, Llantwit Major on Saturday, October 20 from 9.30am – 11.30am. Residents who have any issues to raise are welcome to attend.

**Penarth Library's new clubs**

PENARTH Library is launching two new free clubs this week – 'Knit2gether@Penarth Library' and a Jigsaw Club.

'Knit2gether' takes place every Wednesday from 2.30pm onwards while the Jigsaw Club is every Friday from 2pm – 3.30pm. No experience is necessary for the Jigsaw Club but some knitting knowledge is required for 'Knit2gether'. For more information contact Penarth Library on 02920 708438 or e-mail [penarthlibrary@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk](mailto:penarthlibrary@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk).

**Craft Fair**

A CRAFT fair takes place at Bonvilston Reading Room on Saturday, October 20 from 10.30am until 4.30pm.

With stalls including Neal's Yard Organic Remedies, Cards from the Attic, Kalso Jewellery, WI, pickles and jams and original oil and watercolour paintings, there will be plenty of opportunities to find those

original early Christmas gifts.

All monies raised will be in support of Woody's Lodge based at the Amelia Trust, a local charity that provides support and mentoring for veterans, emergency Services and Reservists. There will also be refreshments available, a cake stall and a raffle; all welcome.

**Penarth Computer Club**

AT 7.30pm in All Saints' Lesser Hall, Penarth on October 23 the Penarth Computer Club will meet, and the topic will be Family History.

A demonstration of genealogy websites will show what's available to those wishing to trace their family tree. Visitors welcome.

**Llantwit Major Horticultural Society**

THE next meeting will be held on October 24 – NOT October 31.

There will be no guest speaker as this month's meeting will be our AGM and we ask as many members as possible to attend at 7.30pm in Llantonian Hall, Llantwit Major.

**NSPCC Fashion Day**

NSPCC and join us at 79 High Street (opposite the Market Place) any time between 11am and 7pm on Thursday, October 25 for complimentary champagne and canapés. Entry free.

The proceeds from the wonderful raffle prizes will be donated to the NSPCC and the St Hilary and District committee members will be modelling Bethan's stunning Autumn Collection.

Please bring your friends along to this fashion extravaganza and support the NSPCC in making a difference to vulnerable children.

**Cowbridge Gardening**

THE next meeting of the Cowbridge Gardening Club will be on Thursday, October 25 at 7.30pm in the Lesser Hall when Sheena Crossley will speak on 'Making the most of a small garden'.

New members and visitors are welcome. Members are reminded that it is time to put their names down and pay for the Christmas lunch on Thursday, November 29. We look forward to seeing you.

**CAOS celebrate 50 years**

ON October 26 – 27 CAOS Musical Society will mark their 50-year anniversary with a concert, telling the story of the society with music from shows and concerts performed during that time.

Featuring guest soloists and a programme of songs from Strauss and Gilbert and Sullivan to Rice and Lloyd Webber and Bon Jovi, there will be something for everyone. Founded in 1968 as Cowbridge Amateur Operatic Society, CAOS continues to entertain across the Vale and beyond.

They will perform at Cowbridge Town Hall on Friday, October 26 and Stewart Road Community Centre, Rhosce on Saturday, October 27 at 7.30pm. Tickets are £7; £5 for under-16's and over 60's; available on the door or in advance on 01446 744348.

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## Players tackle The Odd Couple

THE Dinas Powys Players have been kept very busy during the summer months with a full programme of social events, including a quiz night and a barbecue for members together with a revue evening of one act plays, sketches, music and refreshments to thank patrons for their continuing loyalty and support.

At the same time, the cast of the group's November production

have undertaken regular rehearsals of *The Odd Couple* by Neil Simon, author of numerous classic comedy plays who passed away this year at the grand old age of 91.

The cast has prepared well and is confident that this play will be as popular with audiences as the Players' previous productions of Neil Simon's plays – 1997 *The Odd Couple* (female version), 2001 *California Suite*, 2006 *Rumours* and 2010 *Plaza Suite*.

This time around *The Odd Couple* features a mostly male cast with a group of six men who meet for a weekly poker session in a New York City apartment.

Two divorcees in the group decide to room together, one is fastidious and clean, the other a slob. The results are hilarious.

When *The Odd Couple* was first presented at the Plymouth Theatre in New York City in 1965, the New York Times critic said: 'Fresh, richly hilarious and continuously funny,' while the New York Daily News considered it 'Fresh and remarkably original'.

*The Odd Couple* is being directed by the experienced Eileen Carrier and the Players' production will be presented at the Parish Hall, Britway Road, Dinas Powys on November 15, 16 and 17 at 7.30pm.

For tickets telephone 02920 512868 or 07592 583794. GP

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## Pensioner's concern over flu vaccine

A VALE pensioner says he and his wife have not been protected against flu because the necessary vaccine was not available at their surgery.

Gavin Davies, who lives in Penmark, noticed a few weeks ago that the Welsh Assembly Government was urging elderly people to get immunised.

Mr Davies (79) suffers from epileptic seizures and Mrs Davies, aged 84, suffers from heart failure. In view of their ages and current state of health, they decided they should have the necessary injections.

Mr Davies said: "Following the Assembly's announcement we both received letters from our general practice, the Vale Group Practice at Ravenscourt Surgery in Barry. We responded but they were unable to make appointments even after two or three calls. "On Monday, October 15 I called in to the surgery to try to find out why we were unable to get the injections. I was told that the practice could not make appointments now as the health board had not been able to supply the necessary vaccine. I was also told that it was not known when appointments could be made."

Mr Davies said: "This shouldn't be happening and the problem needs to be sorted out."

The GEM approached Cardiff and Vale University Health Board for a response to the points raised by Mr Davies. A spokesman explained that the supply of vaccines was being

staggered between September and December.

He said: "This year, adults aged 65 and over are eligible for a new type of influenza vaccine called a TIV. This vaccine has been shown to be the most effective flu vaccine for people aged 65 and over."

"As independent contractors, practices have the responsibility to order adequate stock of vaccines to meet the needs of their patient population."

"The delivery of supplies of flu vaccine to GP practices across the UK will be staggered between September and early December 2018. This means that some people may be asked to wait and return when the most effective vaccine for them is available."

"People may be offered a later appointment than usual but can be reassured they will be vaccinated before flu circulates which is usually no earlier than mid-December. People under the age of 65 who are eligible for a free flu vaccine receive a different type of vaccine."

"There are no known availability issues with this vaccine and we would encourage all those eligible to obtain their vaccine as soon as possible to ensure they're protected against flu."

The health board spokesman added that people over the age of 65 (and those under 65) with certain health conditions can also receive their flu vaccine free at their local pharmacy.

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## What's on in your area

### Valeways

**guided walks**  
ON Wednesday, October 24 the Coffee Shop Strollers of Llantwit Major meet in the town hall car park in Llantwit Major at 2.30pm.

On Thursday, October 25 at 10am 'Let's Avoid Cowbridge!' meet at the Farmers Arms in Aberthaw (CF71 7LG).

On Saturday, October 27 'Cerdidd Cymraeg yn 10 oed!' meet in maes parcio Ty Portobello, Ogwr (Ogmore CF32 0PA).

**Remembrance service**  
LLANTWIT MAJOR Comprehensive School would like to invite serving personnel,

service families and veterans to a Remembrance Service at Llantwit Major School on Tuesday, November 13 to commemorate the 100 year anniversary since World War One.

The event will consist of a short Remembrance service followed by refreshments. It is also an opportunity for students to communicate and share stories with veterans and serving personnel. Doors open from 10.15am for a 10.30am start.

If you are interested in attending the event, contact the school on 01446 793301 or email: llantwitmajorhs@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

# Christmas Party Guide

## It's important to choose the right venue for a Christmas celebration

**THAT** time of year is coming closer – the season of parties and events to mark the festive season.

While the office or workplace party can be the highlight of the year, it can also be a disaster, unless it is held at the right venue, with good food.

Luckily, in this area, we are blessed with a wonderful choice of restaurants, pubs and hotels which cater for Christmas parties to suit groups of varying sizes.

There are lots of places which offer traditional fare – turkey and Christmas pudding – which remain as popular as ever.

But for those looking for something a bit more exotic, many venues now offer a new twist on the basic menu with other options designed to cater for a more sophisticated palate. But whichever meal you prefer, the important thing is that top quality foodstuffs are used and that they are properly cooked and

beautifully presented.

The ambience at Christmas events is also crucial – roaring log fires and crackers may be a bit of a cliché but it's what most people expect.

Many hotels and restaurants spend a lot of money on really top class decorations which are a world away from the tinsel and tack of yesteryear.

A room beautifully decorated in swags of greenery, coloured berries and subtly lit with candlelight is probably the finest setting for celebrating the most important event in the calendar.

So, with good food, fine wines and the right setting, the only other ingredient necessary for a great night out is the company.

People you work with all year suddenly look different when they are dressed up in a bit of bling and glitz.

Lots of romances have begun at the works' Christmas do and for the younger, unattached staff members, that's an exciting

possibility.

Older colleagues will settle for the easy camaraderie which exists between people who know each other very well and have mutual respect.

But apart from workplace parties, there are also lots of Christmas get-togethers staged by organisations – ranging from choirs, art societies, WI's, charity fundraisers and sporting groups – in fact any organisation which brings people together.

Most organise a Christmas event which gives members, who perhaps only see each other once a week, a chance to enjoy each other's company in more relaxing circumstances.

Yes, there's plenty to be said for the Christmas party. Just make sure you ensure that yours is as good as it can be by hiring the right venue for you and your group – whether it be a cosy country inn or a grand hotel where everyone can really dress up.

*The choice is yours – and it's a big one!*

## 'Get up and dance!' – well, if you don't mind...

**EVERYONE** is familiar with the pitfalls of planning an office party, but perhaps the most tricky issue is this one – do you opt for a restaurant or pub, or choose somewhere with a disco?

If ever a decision was designed to sort the exhibitionists from the wallflowers, this is it.

When the meal is finished, and the coffee is getting cold, the DJ lights up his corner of the room and says: "Hi everyone, are we having a great time?" – and puts on ABBA.

Actually, you could run an office sweep on this, and the person who draws out 'Dancing Queen' will be feeling pretty confident of taking the money.

I guess it's time to declare an interest at this point, as a fully paid-up member of the two left feet, no sense of rhythm, section of society.

It was several years ago that, in a Christmas party feature, I wrote

those opening paragraphs.

I wrote about the sense of dread we two left-footers have as we work our way through the courses – because the moment when the music starts is looming.

You can be pretty certain that most of the female side of the party group will get out there and shake their stuff.

It's not as if they are all good dancers – it's just that they are not hampered by the hang-ups so many blokes have.

So, time has moved on since I wrote those self-conscious and slightly self-pitying words?

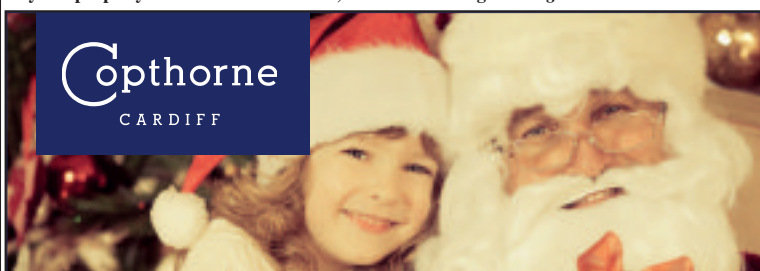
Have things changed?

*Too right they have!* They have got a whole lot worse and let me suggest why.

Reason 1: *Strictly Come Dancing* has changed the perception of dancing.

Over the years that *Strictly* has been prime time entertainment, it has been very noticeable that people can get better at dancing – it just takes a bit of effort.

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# Christmas Party Guide

## Get on your dancing shoes and limber up!



Lumber up, limbo down. The locked embrace, the stumble round...

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Beginners with some talent can get really good (any of the *Strictly* winners are examples of this), while even the ones with little obvious rhythm can make good progress.

There are, of course, hopeless cases such as Susannah Constantine, this year's comedy clodhopper, but I think the argument that people can improve still holds good in spite of that.

**Reason 2/** Mobile phones and the internet.

This is, of course, an all purpose answer. Take any subject, whether it be education, film and TV, political debate, teenagers, and you can always argue that things have got worse because of mobile phones and the internet.

Nevertheless it holds true for us dodgy dancers – and this reason has two sub-divisions.

**a/** Ordinary people with no particular talent get up and dance, put it on YouTube and with a bit of confidence and they can carry it off.

**b/** However, if you try, and if you get it badly wrong – then someone could record it for posterity on their phone!

**Reason 3/** There are so many different forms of dance out there now. Surely you can find one that works?

Peter Crouch is six foot seven and a bit ungainly, yet even he managed to look quite cool doing his robot dance.

Take a little time to watch people on the dance floor and you

will see a huge variety. Some people look good making movements that anyone could do – it's all a question of doing them in time to the music, and introducing some variety.

Two-left-footers tend to find something that they believe is 'not too bad' and repeat ad infinitum.

**Reason 4/** Ricky Gervais.

This one hardly needs explaining but if you know you are not a good dancer, then the thought of getting carried away, thinking you have suddenly found the formula, and then finding out that you have got it all wrong, is a constant nightmare.

I mentioned earlier in the piece that the female section of an office party tends to get out on the dance floor

– and when I wrote this some time ago I thought that someone might take issue with it.

Perhaps a stern letter pointing me to the FBD (Female Bad Dancers) support group.

That didn't happen. The Two Left Foot

Society still appears to be one of those archaic institutions – like Muirfield Golf Club – a men only club.

Do I hear someone saying: "Hey, loosen up! It's meant to be a fun night."

That's true, and in fact, I've never missed

an office party.

I've always enjoyed them, too. The truth is, it never has been that traumatic.

*It's just that we non-dancers need a little sympathy now and again!*

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# MARGAM ADVENTURERS DEFY CALLUM AND GO FOR THE BURN

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**STORM** Callum did little to to deter competitors in the 22nd Burn Series adventure races and 10k all terrain run on Saturday at Margam Park.

With severe weather forecast, event organiser and world record holder, Maria Leijerstam from Bonvilston was out at 6am diligently checking out the most exposed part of the course and luckily the day stayed mainly dry.

The run, bike, kayak Burn Series events, as well as a new 10km all-terrain run, were well supported, and everyone was beaming after the panoramic mountain biking section, through the hilly areas of the Park.

Due to the extreme weather warnings, the event centre, usually sited in marquees in the middle of the Park was moved to Margam Castle, thanks to the kind invitation of the management.

The Burn events are for all ages with sections for families, novices and more experienced. The youngest competitor was five years old and found the muddy conditions an added bonus to the day's excitement. [www.burnseries.co.uk](http://www.burnseries.co.uk)

International adventure racer Maria Leijerstam was the first person to cycle to the South Pole in 2013.

### Results:

**Burn 10km:** 1. Sam Davies 2. Lowri Morgan 3. Craig Morgan

**Mini Burn Adventure race 15km:** 1. Benjamin Rosedale and Ted Rosedale 2. Chris Norey and Susan Norey 3. Carl, Flynn, and Eben Loftus

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# Invictus Games Team UK are now down under – including Llantwit Major's Jeff



**INVICTUS Games 2018 Team UK, which includes seven former-Forces personnel from Wales, embarked at Heathrow last Monday en route to the games in Sydney. Included in the squad is Llantwit Major man and former RAF flight sergeant Jeff Robinson.**

The team comprises WIS (Wounded In Service) personnel from all services of HM Armed Forces, supported by Help for Heroes.

The Invictus Games 2018 commence on Friday, October 19. For more information, visit [www.invictusgames2018.org](http://www.invictusgames2018.org).

*Editor's note: And the best of British to Jeff and all the team!*

# Cheers! Local pub supports Macmillan



*Julie, Emma, Tony and Chris recently held a coffee morning event in aid of Macmillan at the Watermill, Ogmere by Sea. This was the first time they participated in the event and they raised a total of £815.92.*

# Penarth bake-off back for November

**PENARTH Bakeoff is back in the Paget Rooms on November 4, to raise dough for two charities – Forget-me-not Chorus and Marie Curie.**

Parents, grandparents, schoolchildren, business owners to groups or associations, all can enter. Categories for the baking competition will include two children's categories, savoury, free-form, sponges, biscuits and a showstopper category too.

Judges will include David Schönthal, from Penarth-based Capas Cheesecake; and Charlotte Williams of Lily's Bake Box. Competition judges will also be doing demonstrations for the public.

Stalls will include jams, preserves and chutney, cards and much more. Entertainment will include a live video of a Forget-me-not Chorus concert,

music from Penarth Community Choir, Joe Pope, children's entertainment from Little Fizz, and more, compered by Welsh comedian and TV producer Stifyn Parry.

The first charity is Forget-me-not Chorus, a local charity who support people with dementia and their families through weekly singing sessions.

The second is Marie Curie, who offer specialist care for people living with a terminal illness and support for families, completely free, from their Penarth hospice.

This year's competition is sponsored by Penarth View and Cleaner's Got Talent.

To take part in the baking competition, apply for a stall space or a sponsorship packages, please email [john@penarthview.co.uk](mailto:john@penarthview.co.uk) or visit [www.penarthview.co.uk/penarthbakeoff](http://www.penarthview.co.uk/penarthbakeoff).

# New afterschool club launches



**LOCAL MP Alun Cairns and the Vale Mayor Cllr Leighton Rowlands have visited a afterschool homework club, Clwb Ni, to see how the group is progressing since being set up in April this year.**

Clwb Ni, which is supported by Learn Welsh the Vale, runs every Thursday 4pm – 6pm aiming to create opportunities for Welsh speaking and non-Welsh speaking adults and children across the Vale to learn Welsh together.

Learn Welsh the Vale supports parents who have chosen Welsh-medium education for their children as well as offering help to those parents who do not speak Welsh to enable them to support their children throughout their education in Wales by

giving support with Welsh language skills, literacy and numeracy skills, help with homework tasks and incorporates a range of games and sports activities.

Mr Cairns commented: "The new Welsh language afterschool club is hugely important in further encouraging the use of the Welsh language across the Vale by children and their families. The group is doing excellent work and I pay tribute to everyone who has been involved in making this a success."

The Vale Mayor said: "I'm really pleased this has been successful since I launched it in April. It's great support for children who that extra support and want to better their Welsh, also parents benefit too from it as they can learn how to speak Welsh and help their children with homework."

# Rhosee trio impresses for Wales in France



*Evie, Jack and Jason are shown with senior team manager and Rhosee member Karen O'Donoghue-Harris.*

**THREE members of Rhosee Lifeguards, Jack Giddings, Jason Grice and Evie Wong were part of a successful Welsh team that competed in France.**

The Ocean Performance Championships were held in Capbreton France with over 300 competitors contesting the junior and open categories in the one-day event.

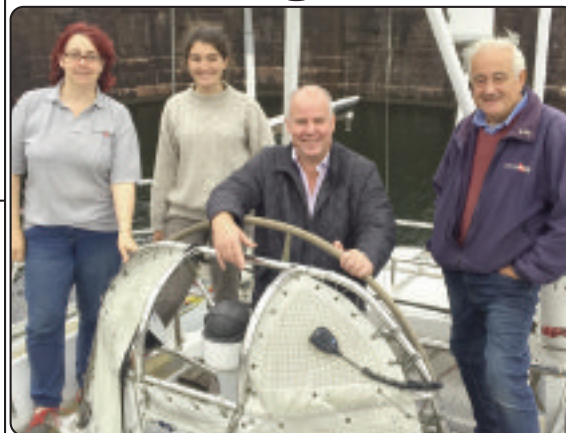
Evie Wong did exceptionally well, taking second place overall in the junior category. She achieved fifth position in the surf swim, fourth in the board race and won the beach flags, gaining valuable points in each event,

which contributed to her overall success.

This was Evie's first international event and she showed she was capable of racing with the best in Europe. Jason Grice and Jack Giddings did very well to make the ski final in challenging surf conditions, with Jason finishing 11th and Jack finishing fifth.

Kiera Harris, a Rhosee junior competitor, also competed in the one-day event representing the club in the beach flags event, and gained valuable experience in her first international event.

# AM congratulates Challenge Wales



*Andrew RT Davies joins the team aboard Challenge Wales at Penarth Marina.*

**SOUTH Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies paid a visit to Penarth-based charity Challenge Wales last week to congratulate the team following another summer of success.**

The charity's work focuses on its two vessels – Challenge Wales and Adventure Wales – and focuses on providing young people with the opportunity to develop their life skills and improve their employment prospects.

Between June and September the vessels sailed over 4,000 miles, providing young people from across Wales with voyages to destinations

including Norway, Sweden, Finland, Poland and Amsterdam.

The team gave Mr Davies a tour of Challenge Wales – their flagship vessel – before discussing their exciting plans for the future. Mr Davies said: "It was a pleasure to climb aboard Challenge Wales and hear about the exciting work that took place over the summer months."

"Between June and September they sailed over 4,000 miles across the globe, providing life broadening experiences for many young people from across Wales."

"I'd like to thank the team for welcoming me aboard – and have no doubts next summer will be even more productive."



# £125,000 raised for charity as Angela is remembered on Machu Picchu trek



The Cancer Research Wales team raised £125,000.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL  
News and views from  
Nancy Davidge, Tynnewydd,  
Llangan. 01656 860303.

### News from Llangan School

THE children at Llangan School were delighted last week to learn that they had won the competition for the best scarecrow at the first Penllyn Village Scarecrow Hunt that took place on September 30.

The beautiful ballerina scarecrow is on display in the school car park. I understand this competition will become an annual event in Penllyn village, due to the excellent response.

On October 9 headteacher Miss Sue Price accompanied the head boy and girl Elis and Ellie to a super ambassador's meeting.

### Christmas at the Castle

ON Friday, November 30 at join Tŷ Hafan to begin this year's festive celebrations at Cardiff Castle.

Sing along to contemporary choirs, riot jazz and seasonal soulful sounds under the stars. Performances from Treorchy Male Voice Choir, Bass 12, Super Choir, Cathays Brass Band, Fit For Your Princess (Elsa, Anna and Belle), Vocal Harmony. There's something for everyone at this unique Christmas celebration; children can enjoy festive face painting, entertainment, games and crafts plus a visit from the real Santa Claus!

Spread some joy this Christmas and help Tŷ Hafan to provide comfort, care and support to life-limited children and their families in Wales, all year round. Time: 6pm-8.30pm (doors open at 5.30pm) - For more information contact: 029 2053 2279, events@tyhafan.org.

A BARRY woman travelled to the Inca citadel of Machu Picchu to raise funds for Cancer Research Wales and in memory of her late sister.

Christine Biddlecombe told The GEM the trek along the Inca trail was an unforgettable experience which was dedicated to her sister,

Angela Birner.

Angela (65) died in February and was well known in Barry, having lived in the town all her life.

Christine said: "I decided to go on a charity trek for Angela and to raise as much money as I could for Cancer Research Wales."

"One of my main fundraising events was a music night held in Barry at which friends and

family gathered and raised more than £2,000.

"The trek was to Machu Picchu in Peru. "We trekked for five days along the historic Inca trail, passing through the most incredible scenery - snow-capped glaciers, sub-tropical vegetation, historic Inca sites and lots of llamas."

"The highlights for me were going through the Sun Gate and the amazing first view of Machu Picchu, the lost city of the Incas, and the local people we met, with their open hearts and a love of their country."

"In total I raised £4,200, but as a group we raised more than £125,000 - to help provide better treatment for cancer sufferers here in Wales."

Christine added: "It was an unforgettable experience in memory of an irreplaceable sister."

## Demand for non-plastic party goods balloons

A VALE-based woman has taken the 'war on plastic' into her own hands after launching one of the UK's first sustainable party supply businesses.

Laura Lowe (34) launched 'Make It Pop' after a party held at her Bonvilston home for around 100 guests left her disturbed at the amount of waste involved.

Laura set about sourcing her own range of melamine tableware, decorations, and plastic-free party bags.

Laura said: "Like most parents, I try and be mindful of the environment and the amount of waste involved in hosting children's parties at home or in hired venues is quite shocking."

"With three children, there is rarely a weekend

that goes by where I'm not attending a party and witnessing the wastage involved there either. Make It Pop is my own personal contribution to the war on plastic I suppose, which is far from new, but has certainly gathered pace in recent times."

Environmental threats posed by single use party plastics are now so significant, the EU is considering banning single use plastic-coated plates, drinks stirrers, cutlery and balloon sticks from children's parties altogether.

With a background in marketing, Laura created the site to help raise awareness of the positive effects renting out items such as table runners, reusable melamine plates and cups and decorations can have not only on the environment, but on the purse strings too.

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# Apples a pressing matter at local produce market



THE third St Hilary produce market, on a wonderfully sunny October 7, was very well attended: by villagers, passing walkers, people from Cowbridge, Cardiff and surrounding villages.

The afternoon raised £535 for village projects, including funding of our newsletter for 2019.

A wide variety of locally-sourced ingredients were turned into jams, chutneys, crumbles, pies, cakes and soup. Every item of food was either foraged locally (blackberries,

watercress, apples, and nuts), made by St Hilary villagers, or both.

A popular attraction at the event was the opportunity to press apples (of which St Hilary has an abundance).

Many bottles of fresh juice were consumed and taken home. Teas, coffee and cakes were served while people chatted with their neighbours, making the whole event a lovely gathering.

A big thank you goes to everyone who made items for sale; helped with running the event and to those who came and bought.

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## V for victory: the RAF's nuclear bomber force

LLANTWIT MAJOR Probus Club's October meeting was held in Illtud's 216 recently when president Matthew James welcomed members including Andrew Leonard.

Members were advised that the final arrangements had been made for the annual lunch at St Athan Golf Club on October 26 at 12 noon, when members were requested to wear their name badges.

Tony Meakins introduced speaker Terry Luscombe, whose talk was on 'The Rise and Fall of the UK's V-Bomber Force.'

He described how in 1947, the Chiefs of Staff issued an Operational Requirement OR229 which called for a four-engined jet bomber capable of delivering a 10,000lb nuclear bomb from 45,000ft while reaching a speed of 500 knots and a range of 3,500 miles. The result was the V-Bomber force, which during the 1950s and 1960s comprised the UK's Strategic Strike Force during the Cold War.

During the talk, members were treated to footage from old Pathe news reels and the 1952 Farnborough Air Show.

slant, having been on one of the servicing teams at RAF St Athan responsible for the major overhaul of the planes which had to be carried out in a 55-day turn around time with no room for delay in returning the aircraft back to the front line.

With a number of ex-servicemen in the membership, the talk was of great interest and

after questions Mr Luscombe was given a deserved round of applause. The vote of thanks was given by Keith Niblett and the raffle was won by Keith Brown.

Next month, the speaker is Neville Farthing who will be talking on volunteering with the YHA.

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### Messy church

A MESSY Church session will be held on Sunday, October 21 in the Reading Room, Bonvilston (opposite the Old Village Shop) at 2.30pm to 4pm.

Youngsters, toddlers (with their parents) are invited for fun activities with crafty things to make, a Bible story, plenty of singing and refreshments.

For further information contact Rev Lee Dufield on 07784 869020, Canon Martyn Davies on 01446 760498 or Ann Roach on 01446 781 309.



# Sport starts tee off for anniversary golf day



The charity golf event raised funds for the Paediatric Assessment Unit in Bridgend.

**SPORTS** stars Ieuan Evans and John Devereux were among the famous faces who teed off for a charity golf tournament celebrating Sony UK Technology Centre's 25th anniversary.

Evans and Devereux, were joined by golf trick shot champion Geoff Swain at the event at the Celtic Manor last week.

The Welsh sporting talents were among 24 teams who took on the 2010 Ryder Cup Course as part of Sony UK TEC's 11th annual

charity golf tournament.

Thanks to the success of the tournament Sony UK TEC raised just over £28,500 for the Princess of Wales Hospital during the day, surpassing its goal of £25,000. The funds will now help to support the refurbishment of the Paediatric Assessment Unit at the specialist Bridgend hospital.

Sony UK TEC has raised over £70,000 for the Bridgend hospital over the past six years.

# Bridgend Athletic mini and junior rugby round-up

**ONLY a few junior teams were able to brave the weather conditions this weekend to play their fixtures.**

The under-9s travelled down the road to Tondy and another good defensive display by Ethan Davies, Dylan Jones, Rudi Quinn and Osian Kenny only allowed Tondy to score twice, the final score 7-2.

Try scorers for the Ath were Ashton Davies, Rudi Quinn (2), Ethan Davies (3) and Rhys Gardiner.

In the second game there was another good defensive display which saw the Ath score seven unanswered tries. It wasn't until the late in the second half that Tondy hit back with two of their own.

Try scorers for the Ath were Ethan Davies (2), Rudi Quinn, Rory Whyte, Rhys Gardiner, Dylan Jones, Ashton Davies and Jude Lewis.

The under-11s played away to Llantwit Major, and a fantastic performance saw them achieve another win, 15-0.

Great sportsmanship was shown by every player, and thank you to Llantwit Major for giving us a player to make it equal sides.

The performance was impressive – not just the players' skill set, but their outstanding attitude as individuals.

Despite the wet weather over the last few days, the under-13s managed to get their match against Tonmawr underway on the A48 pitch.

It didn't take long for the Athletic forwards and backs to link together with some strong clearing out and good handling to put Rhys Hockings in at the corner.

The Athletic continued to make some good chances in the rest of the half but with some silly errors and soft penalties conceded they just didn't take any of them again.

Tonmawr then started to take control up front with some aggressive running off their set pieces and managed to crash over for a couple of scores, both being converted.

In the second half Tonmawr stepped up the direct running and used their pace out wide to create a number of tries.

When the Ath did have the ball they were put under pressure which meant any opportunities created were spurned. Tonmawr ran out clear winners 43-5, scoring some good

team tries to finish.

The under-16s travelled to Llandaff for a tough physical game against one of the best teams in the Cardiff area.

Due to a few injuries and BCOW trials in the afternoon, the Ath took the field with a few players playing out of position and a relatively small squad.

From the kick off the Ath took the game to a very large physical opposition. Some fantastic attack and defence from both teams made scoring extremely difficult throughout the whole of the first half resulting in the teams turning around at 0-0 half-time, despite a pulsating game.

The second half started with the Ath having the upper hand and putting pressure on the Llandaff line. Stout defence allowed Llandaff to clear their lines.

A decision by the referee allowed Llandaff to run the ball from their 22 despite an obvious penalty; however fantastic running play by their centre enable him to score a length of the field try converted by their outside half.

This spurred the Ath on and a period of pressure on Llandaff ensued. A fantastic tackle by centre Ben Thomas saw him drive a much larger player backwards fully 10 metres resulting in a penalty being awarded just outside the Llandaff 22.

A quick tap by Captain Ryan Neagle saw the ball make its way to hooker Elliott Key; seeing the defence drifting a quick show and go saw him smashing through the opposition and showing immense strength crashing over the line for his third try in four games, the conversion attempt unfortunately striking the post.

The Ath continued to press and looked the far more dangerous team, but in the last five minutes, Llandaff were awarded a penalty just outside the Ath 22 and they elected to take the three points.

Further pressure from the Ath again ensued, but they could not get over the line to score any more points.

All in all a fantastic game of rugby by both teams and special mention has to go to diminutive centre Ben Thomas who tackled like a demon all day. *Final score: Llandaff 10, Bridgend Athletic 5.*

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# The latest news from Bridgend Bridge Club



Bridgend Bridge Club chairman Steve Burgoyne presents a cheque for £290 to Ceri Coats (left) and Tina Huggleston from the British Heart Foundation.

**ON October 10, the chairman of Bridgend Bridge Club, Steve Burgoyne, presented a cheque for £290 to the British Heart Foundation at Monday's beginner class at Nolton Church Hall.**

The money was raised in charity events during the previous year.

The latest results for Bridgend Bridge Club are as follows: The first round of the teams competition was played on October 10. First, Tony Disley and Kevin Maddox, and Tony Ratcliffe and Julian Pottage; second, David Bowen and David Crompton, and Geoff Barnes and Alan Heath.

On October 11, playing north/south: First, Peter Rowley and Stuart Davies; second, Eileen Mahoney and Jeff Barnett. Playing east/west: First, Ivor Hicks and Stewart Norton; second, Steve Burgoyne and David Newman.

The Presidents' Cup was played on Friday, October 12: First, John Evans and Gareth Jenkins; second Irene Thomas and Emer Disley; third,

Kevin Maddox and David Newman.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton Church Hall. Play is scheduled to start at 7pm, to enable a prompt start, it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, again at Nolton Church Hall, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding.

All sessions are played in a friendly manner, visitors and new members are always welcome. On Thursdays, there is a session starting at 1pm on slightly advanced techniques of bidding and play.

This week, Steve Burgoyne will present a seminar on signalling after partners opening lead.

A new course of bridge lessons have started on Monday afternoons at Nolton Church Hall from 3.30pm to 5.30pm and it's not too late to join the course.

For more information, contact Steve Burgoyne on 01656 661968 or email Steve at [steve@steveburgoyne.plus.com](mailto:steve@steveburgoyne.plus.com).

# Porthcawl Bridge Club - latest news and results

**PORTHCAWL Bridge Club recently held its annual charity event for the Marie Ratcliffe Trophy.**

Entry money for the night is supplemented by a raffle, with this year's event raising £150 for the RNLI.

Congratulations to the event winners Emer Disley

and Tony Haworth.

Latest results from the club are: Saturday, September 29: First, Dave and Norma Newman; second, Betty Longley and Roger Plant.

Thursday, October 4: Marie Ratcliffe Trophy: First, Emer Disley and Tony Haworth; second, John Beard and Rob Charlesworth.

Saturday, October 6: First, Dil and Marian Evans;

second, Trish Saunders and Janet Richards; Thursday, October 11: First, Rob Charlesworth and John Beard; second, Pat Roper and John Cobby.

The club meets twice a week at the Awel-y-Mor centre, Thursdays 6.45pm-9.45pm and Saturdays 3.15pm-6.15pm, visitors welcome at any time. To contact the club, call secretary Trish, on 01656 785794.

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Sion Clarke crosses the whitewash for Pencoed RFC youth (All pictures by Julie Hancock).

# News from Pencoed RFC



Jack Walker looks for an opening.



Pencoed Phoenix captain Amie Stevens with Heather Parsons of Vintage Quality.

**PENCOED RFC youth were 33-7 winners against Nantymoel on the weekend.**

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The youth team are

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Peacefully at home on Thursday, 4th October 2018,  
John of Barons Close, Llantwit Major, beloved  
husband of Alethea, dearly loved father of Sheila  
and David. Much loved father-in-law of Mary and  
a treasured grandfather of Patrick and Claire.  
Many thanks to Cherish Cymru for their  
wonderful care.

Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium  
on Thursday 18th October at 1.45pm.  
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Family flowers only with donations in lieu, if  
desired, to the Stroke Association c/o Penybont  
Funeral Services, Meadow Street, Bridgend.  
Tel No 01656 650831.

## JOSE

Sylvia Christine

Unexpectedly, on Sunday, 7th October, at  
The Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend.  
Much loved by all her family and friends and  
will be sadly missed.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James &  
Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Thursday, 25th October,  
service 11.45am at Our Lady and St. Illtyd's R.C.  
Church, Llantwit Major, followed by interment at  
Llantwit Major Cemetery, Boverton Road.  
Donations, if desired, to Velindre Cancer Care,  
c/o the funeral director.

## JONES

Rowland

(Of Barry, formerly of Rumney)

Passed away peacefully on 26th September 2018,  
at Llandough Hospital, aged 91 years. Beloved  
husband of the late Carol, much loved dad of  
Phillip. A loved father-in-law, grandfather and  
great grandfather. Will be dearly missed by  
family and friends.

Resting at Coles Funeral Directors until the service  
to be held on Thursday, 25th October at St  
Augustine's Church, Rumney at 9.45am, prior to  
cremation at Thornhill Crematorium (Briwnant  
Chapel) at 11.15am.

Floral tributes welcome. Donations in lieu of floral  
tributes, if desired, may be sent to Alzheimer's  
Society, 16 Columbus Walk, Atlantic Wharf, Cardiff,  
CF10 4BY in memory of Rowland. A donation  
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Lauren, Tom and Luca, father-in-law to Mike.

John will be sadly missed by all his family,  
friends and colleagues of Dyfed Menswear.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James &  
Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Wednesday, 24th October,  
service and cremation 1pm at Cardiff and  
Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry.  
No flowers by request. Donations, if desired, to  
Riding for the Disabled Association c/o the funeral  
director. Please feel free to add a splash of colour  
just as John did to the lives of all who were lucky  
enough to have met him.

## FRANCIS

Samantha

Suddenly at home on Sunday, 30th September  
2018, Samantha, of Twyn yr Eglwys,  
Colwinston. Beloved wife of Mark and a dearly  
loved mother of Leri, Tudor and Ethan.

Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium  
on Friday, 19th October at 11am.

Family flowers only with donations in lieu, if  
desired, to Bro Morgannwg Baby Loss Support  
Group c/o Penybont Funeral Services, Meadow  
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## DIX

Ann Margaret  
(née Elsworth)

14/06/1958 - 14/10/2018

Ann, of Barry, passed away peacefully at the University  
Hospital of Wales on the morning of Sunday, 14th  
October 2018. A wonderful wife to Graham, devoted mother to  
Scott, Luke and Georgia. An amazing nanna to Ellie, Caitlin  
and Lucas. Ann was overjoyed  
to be expecting another grandchild (Georgia's  
first baby) much loved daughter of Tony and  
Maureen, sister of John, Jane and David.  
Mother-in-law of Natalie and Mitchell.

Ann was loved and cherished by family, friends  
and all who knew her. Ann has left a hole in all of  
our hearts that will never be filled.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service  
in the Chapel of Rest on Monday, 29th October  
2018 at 11am, followed by committal at Cardiff &  
Glamorgan Crematorium. Family flowers only  
donations, if so desired, for Cancer Research Cymru  
c/o the funeral director.



## Family Notices

## OSGOOD

## Joan Doreen (Doreen)

Passed away peacefully on 15th October 2018, aged 96 years. Loving wife of the late Jock. Cherished mum of Lance, Kevin, Glyn and the late Bryn. Loved mother-in-law, grandmother and great grandmother.

Funeral service in The Cardiff and Glamorgan Memorial Park and Crematorium, Barry on Thursday, 25th October 2018 at 12 noon.

Family flowers only. Donation in lieu of flowers for Cancer Research Wales may be given at the service.

Doreen will be resting at A.G. Adams, Ty-Newydd Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry, CF62 8NA. Tel 01446 735128.

## CLISSETT

## Iris

Iris died peacefully on 9th October 2018 at Springbank Nursing Home, aged 91 years. Devoted wife of the late Len, beloved mother to Ray and Vivienne. Dear mother-in-law to Barbara and Steve. A much loved nanna of six grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis Funeral Home until her service at St David's Methodist Church, Barry on Monday, 22nd October 2018 at 10.45am, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery.

Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, may be made at the service to Ty Hafan Children's Hospice for Wales in memory of Iris.

## DEBONO

## Gary

It is with great sadness, after a short illness, we announce the passing of Gary on Monday, 8th October 2018 at the University Hospital of Wales.

Beloved son of the late Bronwen, loving brother to Danny, Joseph, Kelvin, Zack, Candy and loving uncle to all his nieces and nephews.



Gary will be greatly missed by his family, friends and all who knew him.

A remembrance service will be held at Barry Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Friday, 26th October 2018 at 11am. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, can be made after the service to the Marie Curie something that Gary was proud to support and volunteering his time to this cause. Refreshments will be held at the King William Pub (Billy) everyone is welcome to join the family. Resting at Lyndsey Ellis - The Vale Funeral Services, Court Road, Barry.

## DEANE

## Lawrence Stanley (Larry)

Peacefully at home on 9th October 2018, Larry, aged 77 years. Beloved husband of Christine, much loved father of Lorraine and the late Carolyn. Loved granddad Larry to Hayley, Tavis and Tegan. Great grandad to Seren and Derryn, also a loved brother of Lorraine and Marianne.

Larry will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting at A G Adams Funeralcare until the service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium on Friday, 26th October 2018 at 3pm.

Flowers may be sent to the funeral home.

## BURBIDGE

## Eunice (née Mote)

Peacefully at Llandough Hospital on 7th October 2018, Eunice, aged 90 years. Beloved wife of the late Donald, much loved mum of Stephen and Leslie. Loved grandmother and great grandmother, also a dearly loved sister of Mavis. Eunice will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service in the Chapel of Rest on Thursday, 25th October at 3pm, followed by committal at Barry Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if so desired, for Ty Hafan c/o the funeral director.

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## DAVIDSON

## Debbie (Deb)

(Of Barry, formerly of Ely, Cardiff)

Peacefully passed away on 5th October 2018, after a short illness.

Funeral service to take place on Wednesday, 24th October at 2pm at the Vale & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry. Bright clothes preferable. Donations, in lieu of flowers to Marie Curie Hospice.

## In Memory

## ALESHA-MARIE O'CONNOR

21st Birthday - 22.10.2018

We can't believe you are not here for your 21st. We only know how much it hurts. Would you have celebrated with a party, or gone away? The pain is forever whichever way.



Miss you and love you so much. Leshy-Lou. Love always Mum and Dad xxx.

## ALESHA O'CONNOR

21st Birthday Memories 22-10-2018

No cards, hugs or kisses Leash, I love and miss you so much. It's been another painful year without you. God Bless.

Your loving Nana, Nancy xxx

## ALESHA O'CONNOR

In loving memory of the happy times we spent together. Our memories will be in our hearts forever.

Miss you loads. Aunty Wendy & Uncle Joey xxx

## ALESHA O'CONNOR

21st Birthday Memories

Sending our love to heaven with 21 big hugs. To a special girl, who left our lives so suddenly, so young. Leaving our hearts with everlasting pain. Which will only heal when we meet again. God bless beautiful Leashy Lou Lou.

Missing you so much everyday. Aunty Linny & Uncle Neil xxx

## ALESHA O'CONNOR

21st Birthday Memories

I always point out the shiny star and tell Ellie May that's where you are, shining so bright like you did in life.

Miss my beautiful cousin so much.

Lots of love and hugs. Kristy & Ellie May xxx

## KLEE

## Karon

23rd October

In memory of a loving daughter and sister on this, your 60th birthday.

Love always, from Mum, Dad & Pauline xxx

## In Memory

## SIM

## James (Ginger)

21st October

Another day, another year, how we wish you were still here.

Thinking of you on your Birthday Jamie but that is nothing new.

For no day dawns and no day ends, without a thought of you.

You're thought about with pride son, with each mention of your name.

Death cannot change a single thing, the love will still remain.

Love and miss you, Mum, Dad, family and friends xxx

## ALESHA O'CONNOR

21st Birthday Love for my beautiful cousin Alesha

Always in our hearts, miss you forever. Hugs and kisses

David Dee, Georgia, Kieran & Deano xxx

## O'CONNOR

## Alesha

22nd October

Thinking about our beautiful niece Alesha on her 21st Birthday.

Loved and missed always.

Uncle Steve & Babs xxx

## ROBINSON

## Bill

23rd October 2017

A year has passed and I love and miss you as much as ever.

A huge thank you to my wonderful family and friends for their love, support and prayers.

Diana xxxxx

## Birthdays

## Lisa Davies

Congratulations on your

50th Birthday!

on 19th October

Wishing you many good things for the years ahead, starting with your birthday vacation. Enjoy yourself on such a well-deserved break!

Love you lots

Chris, Kieran, Charlotte, Mum, Jason and not forgetting Daisy xxx

## Chloe John

Happy 21st Birthday to our very special daughter on 16/10/18

We hope you have an amazing day.

Lots of love from mum, dad, Ethan and all the family xxx.

## Birthdays

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### Hyundai – i30N 2.0 T-GDi - 250PS Petrol Manual

I HAVE not tested a Hyundai in a while, so I thought it was about time I did. This car is the i30N – a car which in my book is a proper little pocket rocket.

To be honest, I expected the i30N to be a little bland because making a hot hatch is never easy – but was I wrong this time.

**Power and efficiency:** My test car was fitted with a 2.0-litre petrol engine that has 250PS and 353Nm of torque, and a top speed of around 155mph – which puts it right up there with the likes of the Focus RS and Honda Type R.

But is it as fast? Well, a 0-62 time of 6.4 seconds is nothing to be ashamed of – meaning it will easily keep up with the likes of the Ford and the Honda. But, does it feel like a pocket rocket? Yes, very much so. The acceleration is savage, truth be told.

**On the road:** Just because it has lowered suspension and wheels the size of the moon does not mean it can't be used to drive the children to school or potter around town. Although the ride quality is not what I would have liked, this is



*The Hyundai i30N 2.0 T-GDi - 250PS.*

pretty much nearly a race car for the road, so I can't expect too much really.

It felt amazing into the corners and the suspension dealt with most surfaces with ease. Although the ride itself was as hard as nails, you really can throw the i30N into any corner and come out the other side with a grin.

**Design and technology:** On the outside, the i30N looks elegant and well thought out from a design point of view – even with its loud paint job – but when you get to the inside, it really is quite bland.

Maybe I am being over critical, but I have said this about VW and Seat because they also produce some bland interiors. It is functional and everything is in the right place. It's also

practical too, and you do get quite an assortment of kit fitted as standard.

Some of the standard equipment on the i30N includes: Audio Control with Voice Recognition, Bluetooth® Connectivity with Voice Recognition Driver's Supervision, Instrument Cluster with LCD Display (4.2"), Phone Connection, Digital DAB Radio with MP3 Compatibility, Cruise Control, Touchscreen Navigation including Messaging Channel, Mapcare and Live Services, Trip Computer, USB Centre Console, Wireless Phone Charging Pad.

It also has Active Head Restraints Airbag, Front Passenger Air Activation Switch, Airbag, Rollover Sensor

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**Summary:** The i30N is a proper little racer and a car I like very much. If you were looking for an alternative to the Ford or the Honda, then the i30N is a worthy contender because it also has lots of interior space and a large boot. If you are thinking of buying one then I would take one out for a test run first as I guarantee the smiles on your return will say it all.

Price: £26,345 (as tested).

## Pupils' Premier League boost

**WICK and Marcross Church in Wales Primary Stars have scored with new Premier League Primary Stars equipment.**

Over 100 pupils have been buoyed at the start of the new term, with the delivery of a free Premier League Primary Stars equipment pack.

Stocked full of items including Nike match footballs, training bibs and numbered and lettered floor markers, the Premier League equipment pack will aid teacher delivery of active lessons across the curriculum.

The equipment pack was awarded to pupils at Wick and Marcross Church in Wales Primary School following Mr Ward's successful application for last year's Premier League Primary Stars Kit and Equipment Scheme.

The scheme is part of the Premier League Primary Stars education programme which uses the appeal of Premier League and professional football clubs to

inspire children at primary schools across England and Wales the opportunity to learn, be active and develop important life skills.

Mr Rob Ward, class teacher at Wick and Marcross Church in Wales Primary School, said: "We are really delighted to have been awarded this fantastic pack which we have already put to good use. Children are enjoying using the new equipment in their PE lessons and during after school clubs. As a TeamUp school we are always striving to encourage our pupils to get involved in sport and physical activities. The Premier League Equipment Scheme is a great aid to making our learning fun and engaging."

## Apologies to Caz



Last week's report on the Barry Darts League included a photo of the two ladies above, Caz Adamson and Mary Jennings, who recently won the Ladies Doubles final at Barry Town FC. Unfortunately, the report supplied used an incorrect surname for Caz and we are happy to correct that this week.

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13 63 KIA SPORTAGE 2.0 CRDI KX-4 5dr AWD, sat nav, pan roof, reverse camera, black, full leather

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16 16 BMW X1 2.0 D XDrive M Sport 5dr, BMW warranty June 2019, sat nav, heated seats, 24k, met white

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12 12 HYUNDAI SANTA FE 2.2 CRDI Automatic, sat nav, pdc, grey, full leather

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16 16 BMW 435i D XDrive M Sport 2dr, BMW warranty June 2019, sat nav, 19" alloys, 15k, grey, full leather

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**KIA WARRANTY AUG 2023**

16 16 KIA SPORTAGE 1.6 T GDI GT-Line AWD 5dr, Kia warranty Aug 2023, sat nav, 19" alloys, full leather, choice auto or manual

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15 65 MERCEDES GL350 3.0 CDI BlueTEC AMG Sport 5dr Automatic 4WD, sat nav, 21" alloys, electric glass sunroof, privacy glass, white, full leather

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16 16 VW GOLF 2.0 TSI BlueMotionTech R 5dr 4WD (300bhp), VW warranty June 2019, xenons, cruise, 15k, choice

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15 65 ABARTH 500C 1.4 T-Jet 140 2dr Convertible, Bluetooth, electric hood, DAB, 15k, red	£11495
15 15 AUDI A3 1.6 TDI Sport 2dr Convertible, sat nav, 17" alloys, 32k, black	£13995
17 67 BMW 230i M Sport 2dr convertible automatic, BMW warranty Dec 2020, sat nav, 18" alloys, cruise, 2k, mineral white, full oyster leather	£26995
16 16 BMW M235 3.0 i Convertible, BMW warranty March 2019, sat nav, dab, aux, usb, 10k, silver, full leather	£21495
15 15 BMW 428i M Sport 2dr convertible automatic, 19" alloys, head-up display, reverse camera, 12k, black, full oyster leather	£23995
16 16 BMW 420 D M Sport 2dr convertible automatic, BMW warranty Aug 2019, M Sports Plus pack, sat nav, rev camera, 19" alloys, 15k, black, full leather	£22995
16 16 BMW 420 D Sport Convertible automatic, BMW warranty July 2019, sat nav, heated seats, 20k, black, full red leather	£20995
15 65 BMW Z4 2.0 28i SDrive Roadster 2dr automatic, 19" alloys, sat nav, heated seats, white, full leather	£18495
16 66 BMW 640 3.0 DM Sport Convertible Automatic, BMW warranty Dec 2019, sat nav, 20" alloys, reverse assist camera, white, full leather	£32995
16 66 DS DS3 CABRIO 1.6 BlueHDI Prestige Cabriolet 2dr, Citroen warranty Sep 2019, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, black	£9995
15 15 FIAT 500C 1.2 S 2dr Convertible, sat nav, 16k, yellow, half-leather	£8295
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15 65 MINI ROADSTER 1.6 S Convertible, 17" black alloys, heated seats, 19k, silver, half-leather	£12495
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17 67 AUDI A3 2.0 T FSI Quattro Sport 5dr S-Tronic (190bhp), 19" alloys, sat nav, privacy glass, 10k, black	£21495
15 15 AUDI Q5 2.0 TDI 190 Quattro S-Line Plus 5dr S-Tronic Automatic, pan roof, heated seats, sat nav, 18k, black, full leather	£25995
17 67 BMW 225i XE PHEV Sport Active Tourer 5dr 4WD Automatic, BMW warranty Oct 2020, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, 4k, black	£22995
15 65 BMW 330i D XDrive M Sport 4dr Automatic (258bhp), pro nav, 19" alloys, privacy glass, 25k, red, full leather	£19495
16 66 BMW 335i D XDrive M Sport 4dr Automatic, BMW warranty Oct 2019, M sport + pack, sat nav, 19" alloys, Harman kardon, 16k, blue, full leather	£24995
16 66 BMW 335i D XDrive M Sport 4dr Automatic 4WD, BMW warranty Sept 2019, sat nav, electric glass sunroof, 19" alloys, reverse camera, heated seats, 18k, red	£22995
15 64 BMW 420i D XDrive M Sport Gran Coupe 5dr automatic, pro sat nav, 19" alloys, Harman kardon, full leather, 26k, met black	£20495
15 65 BMW 420i D XDrive M Sport 2dr Automatic (190bhp), BMW warranty Jan 2019, sat nav, heated seats, blue, full leather	£19495
16 16 BMW 420i D XDrive M Sport Gran Coupe 5dr automatic, 19" alloys, widescreen sat nav, 23k, met grey, full leather	£21995
14 64 BMW 430 3.0 D XDrive M Sport 2dr Automatic, sat nav, electric glass sunroof, 19" alloys, 39k, blue, full leather	£19995
15 15 BMW 435i 3.0 D XDrive M Sport 2dr Automatic 4WD, sat nav, electric glass sunroof, cruise, Harman Kardon, reverse camera, 31k, silver, full leather	£22995
16 16 BMW 435i D XDrive M Sport 2dr, BMW warranty June 2019, sat nav, 19" alloys, 15k, grey, full leather	£24995
15 65 BMW 740 3.0 D XDrive M Sport 4dr Automatic, BMW warranty Dec 2018, sat nav, electric glass sunroof, black, full leather	£32995
16 16 BMW X1 2.0 D XDrive M Sport 5dr, BMW warranty June 2019, sat nav, heated seats, 24k, met white	£20495
17 67 BMW X1 2.0 D XDrive M Sport 5dr, BMW warranty Nov 2020, sat nav, heated seats, privacy glass, 11k, silver	£22995
16 16 BMW X3 30D M Sport XDrive 5dr automatic, BMW warranty April 2019, 19" alloys, sat nav, Bluetooth, 14k, grey	£25995
15 15 BMW X4 D XDrive XLine 4dr Automatic, sat nav, pdc, 26k, red, full leather	£22995
16 16 FORD KUGA 2.0 TDCI Titanium 5dr 4x4, convenience pack, appearance pack, blue	£12995

12 12 HYUNDAI SANTA FE 2.2 CRDI Premium 5dr 4WD, pdc, grey, full leather	£8495
16 66 HYUNDAI SANTA FE 2.2 CRD Premium 5dr Automatic (7-Seater), Hyundai warranty Sept 2021, sat nav, 18" alloys, cruise, privacy glass, 14k, choice, full leather	£21495
16 16 HYUNDAI SANTA FE 2.2 CRDI BlueDrive Premium SE 5dr Automatic (7-Seater), Hyundai warranty July 2021, sat nav, pan roof, heated seats, reverse camera, 19" alloys, 21k, beige with full leather	£21995
15 65 JEEP RENEGADE 2.0 M-Jet II Limited 5dr 4WD, sat nav, 18" alloys, privacy glass, heated seats, 27k, black, full leather	£13995
16 16 JEEP RENEGADE 2.0 M-Jet II Longitude 5dr 4WD, Jeep warranty Sept 2019, sat nav, pan roof, 17" alloys, blue, 22k	£13995
16 16 KIA SPORTAGE 1.6 T GDI GT-Line AWD 5dr, Kia warranty Aug 2023, sat nav, 19" alloys, full leather, choice auto or manual	£17995
13 63 KIA SPORTAGE 2.0 CRDI KX-4 5dr AWD, sat nav, pan roof, reverse camera, black, full leather	£12495
16 16 KIA SPORTAGE 2.0 CRD KX-2 5dr 4WD, KIA warranty August 2023, sat nav, reverse camera, cruise, 20k, black	£16495
15 15 LAND ROVER DISCOVERY SPORT 2.2 SD4 HSE 5dr Automatic (7-Seater) 4x4, sat nav, pan roof, reverse camera, black pack, 28k, met red, full leather	£26995
15 65 LAND ROVER DISCOVERY SPORT 2.0 TD4 180 HSE 5dr Automatic 4x4 7-Seater, pan roof, sat nav, reverse camera, 20" alloys, black, full leather	£29495
16 16 LAND ROVER DISCOVERY SPORT 2.0 TD4 180 SE Tech 5dr Automatic (7-Seater), Land Rover warranty until June 2019, sat nav, 21k, white with contrast black roof	£25995
15 15 LEXUS NX300h 2.5 Luxury (Convenience Pack) E-CVT 4WD 5dr, sat nav, cruise, blue, full leather	£19995
16 66 MERCEDES CLA45 2.0 AMG 4dr Automatic, Mercedes warranty Oct 2019, 19" alloys, cruise, 16k, black, half-leather	£31995
15 65 MERCEDES GL350 3.0 CDI BlueTEC AMG Sport 5dr Automatic 4WD, sat nav, 21" alloys, electric glass sunroof, privacy glass, white, full leather	£36995
14 14 MINI PACEMAN 1.6 Cooper S ALL4 3dr (190bhp) (Chili & TLC Pack) 18" alloys, heated seats, Bluetooth, black, full leather	£9995
15 65 MITSUBISHI OUTLANDER 2.0 PHEV GX3H+ 5dr automatic, Mitsubishi warranty Jan 2019, 18" alloys, heated seats, 20k, grey	£18495
14 14 NISSAN JUKE 1.6 DIG-T Nismo 5dr 4WD CVT Automatic (197bhp), sat nav, reverse camera, Bluetooth, 18" alloys, white	£11495
16 66 NISSAN NAVARA 2.3 DCI Tekna Double Cab Pick Up 4WD 4dr, Nissan warranty Oct 2019, sat nav, reverse camera, heated seats, grey, full leather	£16995+VAT
15 15 RANGE ROVER EVOQUE 2.2 SD4 Pure Tech 5dr 4WD (190bhp), sat nav, pan roof, 18" alloys, 35k, met grey, full leather	£20995
16 66 RANGE ROVER EVOQUE 2.0 TD4 SE 5dr Automatic 4WD, Land Rover warranty Nov 2019, 18" alloys, privacy glass, heated seats, white, full leather	£25995
15 64 RANGE ROVER SPORT 3.0 SDV6 Autobiography Dynamic 5dr automatic, sat nav, 21" alloys, panoramic roof, 41k, met grey, full leather	£44495
16 65 RANGE ROVER SPORT SVR 5.0 V8 Autobiography Dynamic 5dr automatic, Landover warranty March 2019, panoramic roof, xenons, 22" alloys, sat nav, 16k, black, full leather	£70995
16 66 RANGE ROVER VOGUE 3.0 TDV6 Vogue 4dr Automatic, Land Rover warranty Sept 2019, pan roof, sat nav, grey, full leather	£48995
17 17 RANGE ROVER VELAR 2.0 D HSE 5dr Automatic 4x4, Land Rover warranty July 2020, sat nav, reverse camera, head up display, rear DVD, silver, full leather	£51795
16 16 VW GOLF 2.0 TSI BlueMotionTech R 5dr 4WD (300bhp), VW warranty June 2019, xenons, cruise, 15k, choice	£21995
17 17 VW TOUAREG 3.0 TDI R-LINE 5dr Automatic, VW warranty April 2020, reverse camera, sat nav, pan roof, 20" alloys, privacy glass, white, 19k, full leather	£29495
15 15 VOLVO XC60 2.4 D5 SE Lux 5dr Automatic 4WD, sat nav, heated seats, 28k, blue, full leather	£20995
17 67 VOLVO XC90 D5 Power Pulse R Design AWD 5dr Geartronic Automatic, Volvo warranty Nov 2020, sat nav, 20" alloys, met blue, half-leather	£40995



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15 65 ABARTH 595 1.4 T-Jet 145 Yamaha Factory Racing 3dr, Bluetooth, air-con, 17" black alloys, 24k, red. £10995  
17 17 ABARTH 595 1.4 T-Jet 145 3dr, Abarth warranty April 2020, air-con, Bluetooth, DAB, USB & AUX, 6k, white. £11995  
15 15 ALFA ROMEO Mito 1.6 130 T-Jet 105 CV Line 3dr, DAB, privacy glass, 20k, black, full leather. £8495  
15 65 ALFA ROMEO GIULIETTA 1.7 TBI 240 QUADRIFOGLIO VERDE 5dr Automatic, sat nav, 18" alloys, 17k, blue, half-leather. £15995  
17 67 ALFA ROMEO GIULIA 2.2 TD SUPER 4dr automatic, Alfa warranty Dec 2020, sat nav, 18" alloys, 2k, red, full leather. £22495  
15 15 AUDI A1 1.6 TDI SE 5dr, Bluetooth, air-con, dab, 32k, white. £9995  
15 65 AUDI A1 1.6 TDI S-Line 3dr S-Tonic, electric sunroof, Bluetooth, privacy glass, light & rain sensors, grey, half-leather. £14795  
14 14 AUDI A3 2.0 TDI S-Line 4dr S-Tonic Automatic, sat nav, heated seats, comfort pack, cruise, 19k, red, half-leather. £17495  
15 65 AUDI A4 2.0 TDI S-Line Black Edition 4dr Nav, sat nav, 19" alloys, 23k, white, half-leather. £18495  
15 15 AUDI A6 2.0 TDI Ultra Black Edition 4dr, 20" alloys, sat nav, BOSE, 34k, silver, full leather. £19995  
17 17 AUDI A6 AVANT 2.0 TDI Ultra S-Line Estate S-Tonic Automatic, Audi warranty July 2020, pan roof, BOSE sound, sat nav, silver, full leather. £23995  
13 63 BMW 116 D EfficientDynamics 5dr, air-con, Bluetooth, red. £7995  
15 16 BMW 118 I M Sport 5dr, BMW warranty July 2019, sat nav, comfort pack, cruise, 15k, silver. £14995  
16 16 BMW 220i M Sport Gran Tourer 5dr (7-Seater), BMW warranty May 2019, sat nav, 18" alloys, 31k, white. £16495  
15 65 BMW 320 D ED Plus 4dr, pro sat nav, Bluetooth, 19" alloys, black, full leather. £12995  
16 16 BMW 330 2.0 M Sport 4dr Automatic, sat nav, 17k, black. £17495  
17 67 BMW 330 2.0 E SE 4dr Automatic, BMW warranty Sept 2020, sat av, 18" M sport alloys, 11k, privacy glass, white. £20995  
15 66 BMW 420i Luxury Gran Coupe 4dr Automatic, BMW warranty Oct 2019, sat nav, reverse camera, heated seats, white, full leather. £21995  
14 64 BMW 518 DSE 4dr Automatic, sat nav, 17" alloys, grey, full leather. £13795  
15 65 BMW 520 D M Sport 4dr Automatic, BMW warranty Oct 2018, sat nav, privacy glass, xenons, 31k, black, full leather. £17995  
18 18 BMW 530 3.0 DM Sport 4dr Automatic, BMW warranty May 2021, 19" alloys, sat nav, privacy glass, 4k, grey, full leather. £36995  
15 15 BMW M5 4.4 4dr DCT Automatic, sat nav, reverse camera, Harman Kardon, 20" alloys, 18k, grey, full leather. £34995  
16 65 BMW 640 D M Sport Gran Coupe 4dr Automatic, BMW warranty March 2019, sat nav, 19" alloys, black, full leather. £24995  
14 14 CITROEN DS3 1.6 E-HDI 115 Airdream DSPORT 3dr, air-con, aux, cruise, 30k, white. £6995  
13 63 CITROEN DS4 2.0 HDI 150 3dr Automatic, sat nav, 19" alloys, privacy glass, Bluetooth, heated seats, 36k, blue, full leather. £7995  
16 16 DS DS4 1.6 BlueHDI Crossback 5dr, Citroen warranty April 2019, sat nav, reverse camera, 18" alloys, 19k, orange, half-leather. £10995  
14 64 FIAT 500 1.2 Lounge 3dr, pan roof, air-con, white, half-leather. £5495  
15 15 FIAT 500 1.2 S 3dr, privacy glass, white, half-leather. £5795  
15 65 FIAT 500 1.2 Lounge 3dr, pan roof, Bluetooth, PDC, choice. £6295  
14 64 FIAT 500L 1.6 D Multijet Pop Star 5dr, reverse camera, air-con, dab, 30k, grey. £7995  
17 67 FIAT 500L 1.4 Cross 5dr, Fiat warranty Sept 2020, reverse camera, pdc, cruise, Bluetooth, 4k, green, half-leather. £12795  
15 65 FIAT 500X 1.6 Multijet Cross 5dr, 17" alloys, Bluetooth, privacy glass, red. £9495  
16 66 FIAT PANDA 1.2 Pop 5dr, PAS, electric windows, CD player, 3k, white. £5995  
14 14 FIAT PUNTO 1.4 Jet Black II 3dr, privacy glass, 17" alloys, cruise, 18k, black. £5195  
16 66 FORD FIESTA 1.0 EcoBoost 140 ST-Line Navigation 5dr, Ford warranty July 2020, 17" alloys, sat nav, 12k, choice. £11495  
09 59 FORD FIESTA 1.6 Titanium 5dr, air-con, cruise, alloys, aux, 48k, red. £4495  
12 62 FORD FIESTA 1.6 Zetec S 3dr, street pack, Bluetooth, 15k, white, full leather. £7495  
17 17 FORD FOCUS 1.0 T EcoBoost Titanium 5dr, Ford warranty April 2020, sat nav, Bluetooth, grey. £12795  
16 16 FORD FOCUS 1.5 EcoBoost Titanium 5dr (150bhp), Ford warranty April 2019, sat nav, cruise, reverse camera, 11k, blue. £11995  
15 66 FORD FIESTA 1.5 TDCI Titanium 5dr, Ford warranty Sept 2019, Bluetooth, cruise, dab, aux & usb, white. £3495  
15 15 FORD FOCUS 1.6 TDCI Zetec 5dr, sat nav, Bluetooth, air-con, grey. £7295  
15 15 FORD FOCUS 2.0 TDCI 185 ST-2 Estate, sat nav, reverse camera, Bluetooth, pdc, silver, half-leather. £13495  
16 65 FORD FOCUS 2.0 TDCI ST-2 5dr, Ford warranty March 2019, sat nav, 18" alloys, 15k, red, half-leather. £14995  
13 13 FORD KA 1.2 Edge 3dr, air-con, pas, electric windows, red. £3795  
15 15 FORD MONDEO 2.0 TDCI Titanium 5dr XPack, sat nav, cruise, grey, full leather. £12995  
15 15 FORD MONDEO 2.0 TDCI Titanium 5dr, sat nav, cruise, dab, aux, black. £11495  
18 67 HONDA HR-V 1.6 I-DTEC EX 5dr, Honda warranty Feb 2021, sat nav, pan roof, reverse camera, heated seats, grey, 3k, full leather. £19995  
16 16 HONDA JAZZ 1.3 i-VTEC EX 5dr, Honda warranty June 2019, Bluetooth, reverse camera, pdc, 9k, orange. £11995  
15 15 HYUNDAI IX35 1.7 CRDI Premium 5dr, Hyundai warranty April 2020, sat nav, 18" alloys, silver, full leather. £10995  
16 65 JAGUAR XE 2.0 D 180 R-Sport 4dr, Jaguar warranty March 2019, sat nav, cruise, heated seats, dab, privacy glass, 19k, silver, full leather. £18495  
17 66 JAGUAR XF 2.0 D (180) R-Sport 4dr Automatic, Jaguar warranty Feb 2020, sat nav, 18" alloys, heated seats, choice, full leather. £20495  
16 66 JEEP RENEGADE 1.4 Multitrac 5dr, Jeep warranty Sept 2019, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, 14k, black. £11995  
16 65 KIA CEED 1.4 SR Sportswagon Estate, Kia warranty Feb 2023, Bluetooth, pdc, 14k, black. £9995  
15 15 KIA CEED 1.6 CRDI 3 Estate, Kia warranty August 2022, sat nav, reverse camera, white. £8995  
16 66 KIA CEED 1.6 CRDI ISG 1.5dr, Kia warranty Oct 2023, cruise, Bluetooth, dab, usb & aux, silver, 11k. £9995  
17 66 KIA OPTIMA 1.7 CRDI ISG GT-Line S Estate Automatic, Kia warranty Feb 2021, sat nav, pan roof, reverse camera, heated seats, 15k, med red, full leather. £18495  
15 64 KIA PRO CEED 1.6 GDI SE 3dr Automatic, Kia warranty Oct 2022, sat nav, reverse camera, privacy glass, 21k, white. £10495

16 16 LEXUS IS 300h F Sport 4dr CVT Automatic, sat nav, reverse camera, 18" alloys, black, full leather. £17995  
15 15 MAZDA 2 1.5 Sport Nav 5dr, Mazda warranty June 2019, sat nav, cruise, privacy glass, 28k, red. £9495  
15 15 MAZDA 3 2.2 D Sport Nav 5dr, heated seats, sat nav, 18" alloys, black, full leather. £9795  
14 14 MAZDA 6 2.2 D SE-L Estate, sat nav, Bluetooth, cruise, pdc, 9995  
15 65 MAZDA 6 2.2 D Sport Estate Automatic, sat nav, reverse camera, 19" alloys, heated seats, BOSE, red, full leather. £11995  
15 65 MAZDA 6 2.2 D SE-L NAV 4dr, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, 25k, white. £11495  
18 18 MERCEDES A180d AMG Line 5dr, Mercedes warranty July 2021, Night & Exclusive pack, sat nav, panoramic roof, 217 miles, white, full leather. £22995  
16 16 MERCEDES A200 2.2 D AMG Line 5dr Automatic, Mercedes warranty June 2019, sat nav, Bluetooth, 18" alloys, silver, half-leather. £17995  
16 66 MERCEDES CLA200 D Sport 4dr, Mercedes warranty Nov 2019, 18" alloys, cruise, Bluetooth, 18k, red, half-leather. £17995  
16 16 MERCEDES E220 D AMG Line 4dr 9G-Tronic (New Model), sat nav, cruise, heated seats, choice, half-leather. £21495  
15 15 MERCEDES GLA200 CDI AMG Line 5dr Premium pack, sat nav, heated seats, 18" alloys, 38k, white, half-leather. £16995  
12 62 MERCEDES S350 CDI BlueTec 4dr Automatic, electric glass sunroof, 20" alloys, sat nav, heated seats, reverse camera, silver, full leather. £15995  
16 66 MG 3 1.5 VTI Tech 3 Style 5dr Start/Stop, MG warranty Oct 2019, cruise, Bluetooth, 20k, black. £6495  
15 64 MINI COOPER 1.5 D 5dr, chilli pack, 16" black alloys, 26k, volcanic grey, 11k, 19995  
16 16 MINI COOPER 2.0 John Cooper Works 3dr, Mini warranty July 2019, sat nav, 18" alloys, privacy glass, chilli pack, 9k, silver, half-leather. £18795  
16 66 MINI COOPER 2.0 D S 5dr, Mini warranty Oct 2019, privacy glass, Bluetooth, dab 16" alloys in black, 6k, white. £14295  
17 17 MINI COOPER 2.0 SD 5dr Automatic, media pack (sat nav), chilli pack, 10k, thunder grey. £15995  
17 17 MINI CLUBMAN 1.5 COOPER 5dr, MINI warranty May 2020, sat nav, Bluetooth, 8k, white. £14995  
15 65 NISSAN JUKE 1.2 DIG-T Acenta Premium 5dr, sat nav, reverse camera, 22k, white. £9995  
14 64 NISSAN JUKE 1.5 DCI Acenta Premium 5dr, sat nav, cruise, aux & usb, black. £7995  
15 15 NISSAN QASHQAI 1.5 DCI N-Tec + 5dr, sat nav, pan roof, reverse camera, cruise, 25k, choice. £13495  
14 64 NISSAN X-TRAIL 1.6 DCI N-Tec 5dr CVT Automatic (7-Seater), sat nav, pan roof, reverse camera, 30k, silver. £14995  
16 16 PEUGEOT 108 1.0 Active 3dr, air-con, Bluetooth, cruise, dab, aux, 28k, blue. £5495  
16 16 PEUGEOT 208 1.6 BlueHDI GT Line 3dr, Peugeot warranty August 2019, Bluetooth, cruise, 12k, grey, half-leather. £9995  
14 14 PEUGEOT 2008 1.6 e-HDI Allure 5dr Automatic, cruise, dab, pdc, 15k, white. £8995  
15 65 RENAULT CAPTUR 0.9 TCE Energy Dynamique Nav 5dr, Renault warranty Oct 2019, sat nav, Bluetooth, cruise, 17" alloys, blue. £8495  
17 67 RENAULT CAPTUR 0.9 TCE Energy Expression + 5dr, Renault warranty Nov 2021, Bluetooth, cruise, 6k, black. £12495  
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14 14 SKODA CITIGO 1.0 MPI SE 5dr, air-con, electric windows, 20k, white. £3995  
16 16 SUZUKI VITARA 1.6 DDIS S2S, Suzuki warranty Feb 2019, sat nav, reverse camera, pan roof, turquoise. £12495  
17 17 VAUXHALL ADAM 1.2 Slam 3dr, Vauxhall warranty April 2020, cruise, 17" alloys, privacy glass, 5k, red. £8995  
15 15 VAUXHALL ASTRA GTC 1.6 CDTi Limited Edition 3dr, Panoramic roof, 20" alloys, 31k, white. £10795  
13 63 VAUXHALL CORSA 1.2 Exclusive 5dr, air-con, electric windows, 38k, grey. £4795  
17 17 VAUXHALL CORSA 1.4 Energy Ecoflex 5dr, Vauxhall warranty April 2020, Bluetooth, cruise, 13k, grey. £8495  
15 65 VAUXHALL CORSA 1.6 T VXR 3dr, Vauxhall warranty Dec 2018, cruise, Bluetooth, dab, aux, 16k, blue. £10995  
14 14 VAUXHALL INSIGNIA 2.0 CDTi 160 EcoFlex SRI NAV 4dr, sat nav, cruise, 29k, white. £8995  
16 16 VAUXHALL INSIGNIA 1.6 CDTi ecoFLEX 5dr, Bluetooth, cruise, 28k, silver. £9495  
17 66 VAUXHALL INSIGNIA 2.0 CDTi (170) EcoFlex SRI NAV Estate, Vauxhall warranty Jan 2020, sat nav, 17" alloys, blue. £11795  
16 66 VW GOLF 1.0 TSI Match Bluemotion Edition 5dr DSG, VW warranty Sept 2019, sat nav, heated seats, Bluetooth, cruise, 10k, silver. £14495  
14 64 VW GOLF 1.6 TDI Bluemotion Tech SE 5dr, Bluetooth, cruise, pdc front & rear, 17k, white. £11295  
13 63 VW GOLF 2.0 TDI GTD 5dr, sat nav, Bluetooth, pdc front & rear, 42k, red, full leather. £22995  
15 15 VW GOLF 2.0 TDI Bluemotion Tech GT 5dr, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, dab, pdc, grey. £10995  
16 16 VW GOLF 2.0 TDI GT 5dr, sat nav, Bluetooth, cruise, 23k, red. £13795  
16 16 VW GOLF 2.0 TDI GTD 5dr, VW warranty June 2019, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, heated seats, black. £15995  
16 66 VW POLO 1.4 Blue GT 3dr, VW warranty Dec 2019, electric glass sunroof, Bluetooth, cruise, choice. £12495  
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15 65 ABARTH 595 1.4 T-Jet 140 3dr, air-con, Bluetooth, aux, usb, 28k, grey. £9295



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## On and Off The Turf with Brian Lee...

WITH regards to my 'Do you know the people in the picture?' item last week, Vale farmer Colin Williams phoned to tell me that he believes the woman on the horse is Caroline Boothby, daughter of Lady Boothby.

As for Major Creighton Griffiths who was also pictured, Jane Wardle informs me that she used to look after a horse owned by him called *Wildbeg* which could have been a dam or great dam of a point-to-pointer I mentioned called *Kilbeg*.

Jane went to work for trainer Denzil Jenkins at Wilton Farm near Sington when she left school at 16, and she recalled Major Creighton Griffiths riding a cob when doing roadwork with the horses.

She also recalls Rhys Williams, father of Llancafarn's Evan Williams, riding *Trunks* and jockeys Ken White and Buster Rooney who

rode for Denzil at times.

Bill Clay, who was secretary of the Glamorgan Hunt Point-To-Point for more years than he probably cares to remember, and who always looked after my needs as a point-to-point reporter, writes: "The photo and article in the October 11 GEM is of Ivor Lewis, son of Posie Lewis, as you rightly said. She turned out a number of good horses from her Porthkerry Stables. I for trained for a number of years in Wiltshire. The rider is his wife, Carol, the daughter of Sir Hugo and Lady Boothby of Fommon. Major Creighton was boss of Creighton Griffiths. His son Michael was a keen rider with the Glamorgan Hounds."

**Point Of Principle, trained by Aberthin's Tim Vaughan and ridden by Alan Johns, failed by one-and-three-quarter lengths to catch the winner Garo De Juille, after making a couple of mistakes in The Chepstow Contract Rentals 10 Year Anniversary Silver Trophy Handicap Hurdle last**

**Saturday.**

A winner at Ascot last February, *Point Of Principle* still picked up £8,945 for finishing second.

Evan Williams' *Court Minstrel*, at 11-years-old the oldest horse in the race and the winner in 2015 and 2017, who looked a picture in the paddock, came from a long way behind to finish seventh of the 18 starters under Williams' daughter Isabel, the only female rider in the race.

Williams, who is the leading trainer at Chepstow, took the closing Join The Corals Champions Club For Mares Handicap with his 10-year-old *Still Believing*, who partnered by stable jockey Adam Wedge won by a length from *The Wicker Chicken*.

**FLINT'S BIRTHDAY**  
VALE trainer John Flint was greeted with cries of 'Happy Birthday To You' in the owners and trainers at Chepstow on Saturday where he was invited to blow out the candle on a little cake that someone had brought along

for the happy occasion.

John, who was celebrating his 55th birthday, always has a friendly word win or lose.

**BOWENS HAVE PLENTY**

**TO SMILE ABOUT**  
**PETER BOWEN and his son Sean had plenty to smile about at Newton Abbot on Friday (October 12).**

Just over 45 minutes after landing the £18,705 Weatherbys Racing Bank Intermediate Chase on his father's *Beggar's Wishes*, Sean rode his dad's top-weighted *Rolling Maul* to victory in the £15,358 Weatherbys Racing Bank Foreign Exchange Handicap Hurdle.

*Beggar's Wishes*, an 8-1 chance, finished one and a quarter lengths ahead of the Paul Nicholls-trained *Dolas* and *Rolling Maul*, who was landing a three-timer, scored by three parts of a length from David Pipe's *TimeForBen* and was returned at odds of 5-1.

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## Two in a row for Cottrell Park



Cottrell Park's Mixed Ping Team. Photo by Jenny McGlyne.

**COTTRELL Park won the Ping Mixed Team Challenge at Abersoch Golf Club on October 8, and retained the trophy the club won last year.**

Sixty teams of six players from all over Wales competed in the annual match play knockout competition run by Wales Golf and sponsored by Ping.

After four rounds, four teams played in the semi final. This year Cottrell Park played Royal Porthcawl then Woodlake Park in the final.

The players representing the club in the finals were Bill Bryce and Nan

Thomas, Tony Parsons and Helen Evans, Tony Williams and Megan Cullinane.

Eleanor Lewis, Helen Little, Tina Morgan and Lowri Roberts also played in previous rounds.

Team manager, Jenny McGlyne, said: "Cottrell Park has reached finals weekend in each of the past five years. To win this prestigious competition once is an achievement.

"Winning twice in successive years is an even greater feat, which no other club has done. All the players have shown great commitment and truly work together as a team."

## Late collapse sees Farmers concede trophy chances

**GLAMORGAN Farmers' Golf Society members welcomed their playing colleagues from the Monmouthshire Farming fraternity last Thursday for the annual pair's competition for the Intercounty Shield played on the Button course.**

This was the 30th consecutive year this competition had been played with the overall score since its formation in 1989 being 14 to 13 in favour of the Monmouthshire Farmers with two matches halved.

Having failed to win the inter-county trophy since 2010, the Glamorgan captain Keith James had selected what

he considered a team strong enough to succeed and regain the shield, a feat not achieved since 2010 when the Glamorgan team were led by Mr Gino Cocco.

Playing for one point on the front and back nine holes and also one point for the overall result of each match, 11 pairs assembled in the clubhouse all anxious to return with the maximum three points.

Society captain Keith James, partnered with Julian Golunski, picked up two points in the opening match against Nick Hill and Mike Daniel, and a further two points gained by Charles Vicary and Tony McCarthy against John Anstee and John Duthie set the home team off to a winning start.

Unfortunately, Reg Davies and Tosh Taylor failed to get anything out



Monmouthshire captain Nick Hill receives the trophy from Keith James.

of their match against Jonathan Davies and Malcolm Francis, with a further disappointment suffered by Martyn Edwards and Clive Edwards, who had a zero return against Ken Davies and Martin Richardson.

Old campaigners Glyn Watts-Jones and Chris Watson returned with the maximum three points against Gwyn Jones and Gary French, followed by Dan Jarvis and Ray Thomas who dropped just half a point in their match against Tommy Price and Alan Thomas.

A shock whitewash suffered by Bryan Owen and Rob Price against Andy Hilditch and Andy

Gully was repeated a few minutes later when a shellshocked Brian Jones and Gwyn Thomas failed to get anything out of their match against James Richardson and Rhys Hinton.

With the Monmouthshire team leading by two points, everything hinged on the final two matches out on the course.

Unfortunately, zero returns by John Davies and Lyn Thomas against John Morgan and Trevor Baker and also Robbie and Dai Llewellyn in their match against Jan Francis and Mike Williams resulted in the Monmouthshire team finishing with 20.5 points to the 12.5 accumulated by the Glamorgan team.

Nearest the pin on the par-3 holes were Brian Jones, Johnnie Walker, Reg Davies and Tommy Price who also collected the longest drive prize. Trevor Baker correctly guessed 71 balls would fail to return home which raised £86 for Operation Christmas Child.

Society members are now looking forward to their monthly meeting on October 25 at Raglan Park Golf Club sponsored by Mr Brian Lakin of Sigma3 Kitchens and Bathrooms. T.McC

## Barrivale Bridge Club news

**RESULTS for the Barrivale Bridge Club for October 9:**

The men's and ladies pairs – session two – saw the first three places go to: 1. Mike Close and Mick Green 69.10 per cent; 2. Simon Richards and Mark Roderick 68.40 per cent; 3. Adrian Trickey and Peter Millar 65.63 per cent. The handicap winners were Alan Rees and Pat Price.

As always, new members are welcome at Barrivale Bridge Club and a partner may be arranged, if required.

If you would like to join us, call 01446 418380, 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays

at 7pm.

Alternatively, inexperienced players or players who would like to brush up on their game may attend the following sessions: Fridays at 10am (doors open 9.45am) in the Pioneer Hall for lessons and assisted play; Thursday afternoons for assisted play from 1.30pm-4pm at the Barry Uniting Church, Heol y Llongau, Barry, CF63 4AP.

The sessions help to improve your play with great support and encouragement along the way.

Come and give it a try and learn more about this popular and fascinating game from excellent instructors, you will soon be hooked! LH

## Ladybirds enjoy the seniors section's golf!

**A GOOD field of 31 members of St Mary's Golf Club's senior section, accompanied by several hundreds of thousands of ladybirds, took to the fairways in glorious sunshine to play an individual Stableford competition off yellow tee boxes.**

Ladybirds are said to bestow luck and vice-captain David Hughes must have been a very willing host in returning an impressive 42 points, six better than par, to claim the victory.

Philip Hutton, five points back on 37, took second place while Ian Taylor, in contention for both Victor Ludorum and the Order of Merit, secured third place with 36 points.

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## Golfers impress at tournament



**SIX Special Olympics Wales golfers set off from their home club of St Andrews Major Golf Club for the Special Olympics West Midland Golf Tournament which was held in Bromsgrove Golf Club on October 1.**

First to tee off were the 18 hole Division 1 players with Sam Lazenbury taking second place with a round of 93 in a closely-fought group.

In the Division 2, 18 hole competition, James Savory (Barry) finished first in the division and fourth overall with a round of 111.

Our next golfers were in the nine hole competition Division 1, with another closely-fought competition with two players on 59; on count back Matthew Prewett (Lavernock) came in second with his round of 59.

In the nine hole

Division 2, first with a round of 60 was Gareth Lloyd (Barry), while Mark Eveleigh (Barry) came fourth with a round of 67.

In the nine hole Division 3, Adrian Abbott (Llantwit Major) came fourth with a round of 79.

If anyone is interested in taking part as an athlete or volunteer, the sports we cover within Special Olympics Cardiff and Vale group are badminton, bocce,

boccia, indoor bowls, golf, artistic gymnastics, sprint kayaking, Ten pin bowling and swimming.

For more information, contact Jeff Savory via [specialolympicswales@gmail.com](mailto:specialolympicswales@gmail.com) or 0780 316 5581.

Pictured left to right are Gareth Lloyd, Matthew Prewett, Mark Eveleigh, James Savory, Sam Lazenbury and Adrian Abbott.

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## A close encounter sees Bridgend Athletic take their chances



ABOVE LEFT: Outside half Sam Richards crosses for the opening try, while ABOVE RIGHT: Captain Ben Howe breaks through to touch down. ALL PICTURES BY JOHN CANON.

**WITH storm Callum battering the south Wales region, it was a pleasant surprise to find that Newbridge Fields was in excellent condition to welcome visitors Mountain Ash for their game against Bridgend Athletic.**

The 'Old Firm' must have felt totally disgruntled post match, having secured two bonus points with four unconverted tries and finishing within a three points deficit in a 23-20 loss.

However the Athletic persevered with their penalty opportunities and kicked their two try conversions to take a

hard-fought victory, as winger Robin Davies shone with five well-taken kicks in blustery conditions.

The Ath had to make several changes to the selected XV with Aled Thomas taking over the full back role, captain Ben Howe replacing Tom Jenkins in the center and Luke Williams joining the back row.

Mountain Ash started at a furious pace and within 10 minutes came close to scoring on two occasions. Things somewhat overheated when visiting captain Jarrod Parfitt was sin-binned for taking out lock Jon Stoker illegally in a lineout and for subsequent dissent towards the referee.

However, they

quickly took the lead when nippy scrum half Ross Davies went over from close range. The home side struck back with excellent interplay between fullback Thomas and winger Robin Davies to take play deep into the Mountain Ash half.

Two five-metre scrums in succession saw standoff Sam Richards shimmy his way over to level the score with a try to the right of the uprights. Robin Davies converted to give the Athletic a 7-5 lead.

The 'Old Firm' resumed their offensive but a fine tackle by full back Aled Thomas prevented lock Parfitt from grounding underneath the posts.

However, within a minute they regained

the lead when scrum half Davies crossed for his second try. The conversion struck the post to deny them the extra two points.

From the kick off the home side struck back and Sam Richards scored after creating an opening, but the try was disallowed for apparent crossing.

Mountain Ash had a series of kickable penalties and opted in the main to kick for the corner and use their driving maul tactic, but it was repelled on each occasion by a resolute home defence.

The visitors finished stronger in the first half with full back Kieran Davies crossing but the try was not converted, giving them a 7-15 lead.

Things got heated early in the second half with referee Jonathan Walters of Swansea giving a general warning to both teams.

Athletic introduced substitutes Nathan Holman and Will Petchell which resulted in raising the momentum.

Davies kicked his first of three second half penalties in difficult conditions to put his side within five points.

From the kick off the visitors took play to the Ath's 20-metre line but a dropped pass enabled centre Chris Price to hack on and take play up field and good recycling enabled out-of-position captain Ben Howe to eventually touch down for his fourth try of the season for full back Davies to convert.

Regaining the lead with 20 minutes remaining, Robin Davies landed his

second and third penalties, giving him a season's total of 54 points and things looked good for a comfortable end to the game for the green and gold home side.

More drama was to come, however, when lock Jon Stoker was yellow carded by the referee for an over-zealous tackle.

Mountain Ash spurned several kickable penalties again opting for the five metre lineout.

With five minutes of play left captain Jarrod Parfitt drove over from close range to bring the score to 23-20, the conversion again being unsuccessful.

Mountain Ash resumed their attacks on the Athletic line from the kick off and further five-metre lineouts sent their supporters into raptures when a try attempt sent them jumping into the air for what was thought to be a match-winning score, only for the referee to blow his whistle to end the match with a knock-on decision.

A narrow but deserved victory for the Athletic, who kicked their penalties and conversions while the visitors spurned countless attempts and failed with their conversion attempts.

Summing up, coach Stuart Morris commented it was "...a much improved effort and attitude from our last game at Rumney, but there is still room for improvement."

The next fixture for Bridgend Athletic is away to Porth Harlequins on October 20.

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## Celtic bounce back in fine style

**MAESTEG Celtic bounced back in style after last week's defeat with a six-try victory over visitors Waunarlwydd.**

Conditions were not good with a strong wind blowing from the south but this did not deter the Celtic three-quarters who were on fine form.

Centres Lee Arthur and Kristian Jenkins found holes in the visitors' defence and the back three of Lewis Jenkins, Ryan Lovatt and James Dixon showed great pace in attack.

Celtic's new scrum half Cameron Jones settled in well with his partner Matthew Harris who was on top form.

Waunarlwydd kicked off and prop Ryan Shearan gathered the ball. Scrum half Cameron Jones box kicked and the defenders let the ball bounce, which allowed wing Ryan Lovatt to gather and put outside half Matthew Harris clear to touch down in the corner.

Waunarlwydd closed the gap when Celtic were caught offside on their 22. Celtic scored again when the front five of Ryan Shearan, Ashley Poole, Sean Lambert, Mark Hillier-Rees and Peter Kehoe drove their opponents back at pace.

Flanker Jonathan Davies broke clear and drew the defence before passing to Matthew



**Man of the match Ryan Lovatt.**

Harris, who put Cameron Jones over between the posts for a try on his debut.

Waunarlwydd showed great determination in attack and were awarded a penalty for a high tackle under the Celtic posts.

Celtic responded when second row Peter Kehoe drove through the defence and the visitors were offside at the ruck. Harris kicked the penalty.

Harris kicked another penalty after centre Kristian Jenkins made a break down the middle of the field and the visitors killed the ball at the ensuing ruck. The visitors then kicked a penalty of their own.

Wing Ryan Lovatt caught the ball from the restart and passed to prop Sean Lambert who took it on. Cameron Jones put wing Lewis Jenkins clear to run downfield.

He passed inside to

Kristian Jenkins, who put Peter Kehoe over between the posts. Harris converted. He then kicked his third penalty.

Celtic's fourth try came when substitute Harri Evans put full back James Dixon clear and he made ground before kicking ahead. Kristian Jenkins followed up and regained possession before giving the ball to prop Sean Lambert to drive to the line.

Quick ball allowed Harris to cross kick to wing Lewis Jenkins who gathered and crossed for a try.

Waunarlwydd scored when a defensive error on the Celtic line gave them an easy try. Celtic responded when full back James Dixon broke the defence and passed to Kristian Jenkins, who took the ball on before putting Lee Arthur over for the touchdown.

Celtic's final try came as a result of Arthur giving quick ball to substitute Morgan Reeves who put Kristian Jenkins clear for a 40-metre run.

He passed to Dixon who put substitute Shaun Raymond clear to score. The visitors showed great spirit and ended the game with 40 metre try of their own.

The final score was Maesteg Celtic 49 Waunarlwydd 21, and wing Ryan Lovatt was voted man of the match.

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## Leanne gets tips from tennis greats



**Andy Murray, Tim Henman, Leanne Mclellan, Beverly Webber and Kyle Edmund (Picture courtesy of Jaguar).**

**A member from Bridgend Lawn Tennis Club recently had the chance to spend a day with three of Britain's tennis stars at Wimbledon.**

Leanne Mclellan, 40, travelled to southwest London, where she was greeted with a coaching masterclass.

The event, hosted by Jaguar, welcomed more than 20 competition winners who spent the day learning from the best inside Wimbledon's indoor courts.

Andy Murray, Kyle Edmund and Tim Henman were all present to give

the participants an insight into life at the top of the game.

Leanne visited the iconic arena with fellow Bridgend Lawn Tennis Club member, Beverly Webber.

Two-time Wimbledon champion Murray offered his expertise on returning the ball and Britain's current number one Edmund showed when to attack on court, while former British number one Henman, who retired from the sport in 2007, demonstrated his illustrious serve and volleying techniques.

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## County swimmers shine at events

**ON October 6/7, Bridgend county swim squad swimmers took to the pool in the annual club championships.**

In total over 80 swimmers took part and there was some outstanding racing, with many swimmers achieving personal best times and others gaining experience and competing for the first time.

An amazing weekend was had by all in a great atmosphere and the swimmers showed fantastic team spirit in supporting and cheering for each other.

Parents, coaches and helpers are extremely proud of the efforts and hard work of all the swimmers.

A smaller squad of swimmers also recently represented the county in the Premier Division of the Western Arena League, where they competed against some of the top-ranked clubs in the western area such as Plymouth Leander and Exeter SC.

This was a wonderful experience for the younger swimmers and all competed with great determination

against some tough competition. Swimmers can't wait for round two in early November.

The positive progress being made by the squad is due in no small part to the swim squad's two new coaches.

Matt Williams is the new head coach. Matt is a very experienced swimming coach having previously had great success with City of Cardiff Swim Squad and more recently Hillingdon swimming club in London where he coached swimmers to British National standard.

He is supported superbly by assistant coach Ben Reid who has coached various squads at City of Cardiff for the past six years.

The swimmers at Bridgend County Swim Squad range in age from about eight-years-old right up to seniors and there are a range of squads catering for all abilities.

If you are interested in joining Bridgend County Swim Squad, please contact [membership@bridgendcounty.co.uk](mailto:membership@bridgendcounty.co.uk).

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